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Born with a bullet

A baby girl born with a bullet in her chest sleeps July 11 at a Memphis Hospital. The girl, who has not yet been named, was born July 8 after her mother, Evelyn Page, was shot in the stomach by an assailant who tried to force her into his car. Dr Frank

Ling, an obstetrician at the Regional Medical Centre who supervised the baby's birth said the odds of a foetus surviving a gunshot wound while in the womb are incalculable. Both baby and mother were in satisfactory condition July 12. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ships defy Syrian blockade

BEIRUT, July 14, (Agencies): Three ships carrying fuel for the besieged Christian community today slipped through a Syrian blockade and a hail of artillery fire, military sources said.

Shells from the Syrian forces and Christian artillery which tried to demolish the Syrian guns crashed into residential areas in both the Christian and Muslim sectors of the city, killing one civilian and wounding four others.

Syrian gunners, using radar-equipped cannons, lobbed dozens of shells into sea waters off the Christian harbours north of Beirut when three ships carrying some 15

million litres of fuel were spotted sailing at full speed towards the shore, the sources said.

The intensive bombardment missed the ships, and the vessels reached harbours north of the city, the sources said. They refused to say where the ships docked for security reasons.

The ships also defied at least three Syrian missile-equipped boats that have been cruising off the Christian coast as part of the blockade.

Syrian radars, according to military experts, have failed to pinpoint the location of ships moving close Christian-con-

trolled craggy beaches north of Beirut.

Lebanese Christian Army artillerymen attempted to knock out the sources of fire, targeting the Syrian guns with dozens of 120 mm and 155 mm shells, the sources said.

One Syrian artillery battery was directly hit and destroyed in the coastal region of Salata north of the Christian region, the sources said.

A resident of Christian East Beirut said in a telephone interview that several cars collided on a street in the suburban region of Antelias when shells crashed into a nearby area.

A 6-storey building in the Christian Dekwaneh in outskirts East of Beirut was set on fire when rockets fired from Syrian-controlled regions hit it, the sources said.

The sources said the large fire was caused when shrapnel hit many storages of fuel inside the building.

The inhabitants of the apartment houses managed to escape unharmed before the fire gutted the building.

Christian leader Gen Michel Aoun says he is trying to avoid a missile confrontation with Syria but warns that his patience could run out, the Mideast Mirror newsletter reported yesterday.

Kurd leader killed in Vienna

VIENNA, July 14, (Reuters): Iranian Kurdish opposition leader Abdolrahman Qassemi was assassinated along with two other Kurdish activists while meeting an Iranian representative in Vienna, police said today.

Tehran Radio reported that Qassemi was holding talks with an envoy from Iran about receiving a safe-conduct to return to Tehran.

Vienna state police chief Werner Liebhart said the radio report was "certainly plausible." He said killers burst into an apartment in central Vienna where the four had held two hours of talks last evening and immediately opened fire.

The Iranian representative, Abdullah Ghaderi Azar, fled to the street outside the apartment after suffering a gunshot wound to the jaw and handed over an envelope containing \$9,000 to a fifth man, an Iranian Kurd, just arriving for the meeting.

"The murders were politically motivated," Liebhart told a news conference. "We don't know what the meeting was about."

He later told Reuters the envoy's diplomatic passport bore the name of Mohammed Djafari Saharoodi. The Iranian embassy was "holding back" the injured man's responsibilities but did not dispute he was entitled to the passport, Liebhart said.

The Iranian and Iraqi embassies declined comment on the shootings. Qassemi, 59, was secretary general of the pro-Iraqi Democratic Party of Kurdistan. Also killed was his deputy Abdullah Ghaderi-Azar and an Iraqi Kurd, Mahmoud Rasoul Fadil Mala, who represented a separate Kurdish group, police said.

The Iranian representative, who collapsed in the street after handing over the cash, was in hospital and unable to talk to police. The fifth man, identified as Amir Mansour Bozorgian, was being interrogated as a witness.

The killers fled the scene. Three pistols believed to have been used in the murders were later discovered in a rubbish bin and on the street in another part of Vienna.

Liebhart said there was no evidence that foreign secret services had taken part in the deaths.

A large quantity of documents in Kurdish and Farsi found in the apartment were being translated by the police.

Qassemi had lived in exile in France but had contacts with exiled Kurds in Austria. Independent sources in Tehran who declined to be named said Qassemi, who has led the Iranian Kurds against Tehran for over 20 years, had been negotiating a settlement with the leadership emerging in Tehran following the death of Ayatollah Khomeini last month.

Heads roll in 'viva la' bash

World leaders in Paris bicentennial

PARIS, July 14, (Agencies): Brass bands marched down the Champs-Elysees today while Mirage jetfighters screamed overhead and a squadron of aircraft left a smoky trail of blue, white and red, adding a martial touch to France's bicentennial celebrations.

The traditional Bastille Day military parade in the morning followed all-night parties in squares around the capital.

President Francois Mitterrand rode standing up in a jeep from the Arc de Triomphe to the Place de la Concorde, where he took his place in the viewing stands behind bullet-proof glass shielding more than 30 world leaders in Paris to help mark the 200th anniversary of the French revolution.

Among those seated in the VIP stands to watch the annual Bastille Day military parade were US President George Bush, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and Philippine President Corason Aquino.

Nine bands set the stirring pace for units representing every branch of the French military, including the foreign legion.

Among the more than 100 planes that swooped over the avenue were nine Mirage 2000's, designed to carry nuclear warheads.

The nuclear missiles, France's short-range, mobile photon system, rolled by on tracked carriers. Mirage 2000 deep-penetration nuclear bombers flew overhead, followed by a wing of Mirage 4 planes with nuclear-tipped missiles.

An Army briefing paper on the parade did not say whether the missiles, operated by the 4th artillery regiment, were loaded with their warheads for the parade.

The wide sidewalks of the Champs-Elysees were packed with people standing under blue, white and red banners on the warm summer day.

The Interior Ministry press centre set up on the avenue announced that about one million people lined the parade route. Officials there said they stood by their figure even after police sources said preliminary indications based on aerial photographs suggested a crowd of about 300,000.

A meeting of leaders from the seven industrialised nations began today, coinciding with the festivities.

The parade was the first of two scheduled for today, the middle of three days of bicentennial celebrations that began with a human rights ceremony yesterday morning. The inaugural performance at the New Bastille Opera was staged last night followed by street parties throughout the city of lights.

Hundreds of thousands of revellers danced and frolicked into the wee hours this morning at nearly a dozen places around Paris to celebrate the July 14, 1789, storming of the royal prison, the Bastille, an event that marked the start of the revolution.

The granddaddy of all the outdoor balls about France was a rollicking party at the Place de la Bastille, where the prison once stood. The prison was set afire and later demolished during the French revolution.

Thatcher has provided her own fireworks at the celebration, saying the concept of human rights first appeared in Britain's Magna Carta some 500 years before the overthrow of the French monarchy.

Her comments, the latest chapter in the centuries-old rivalry between Britain and France, drew criticism and scorn from the French and the opposition Labour Party in her home country.

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Blast suspects detained

Mina fire kills seven

ISLAMABAD, July 14, (Reuters): Seven Pakistani pilgrims died and 28 were injured in a fire which swept through a tent village near the Muslim holy city of Makkah in Saudi Arabia today the official Pakistani news agency APP said.

The blaze broke out in Mina, seven km (four miles) from Makkah where more than a million Muslims are making their annual haj pilgrimage.

APP said Saudi Arabian authorities were investigating the incident but added that other pilgrims thought it might have been caused by people using cooking stoves.

More than 70,000 Pakistanis are in Makkah for the haj.

Meanwhile Saudi Arabia has arrested two suspects in connection with blasts which rocked the holy city of Makkah on Monday night and killed one pilgrim, diplomats said.

One Riyadh-based Western diplomat said two people had been detained but he did not know their nationalities. Saudi Arabia's English-language newspaper Arab News reported the arrests without elaborating.

The two blasts occurred as hundreds of thousands of pilgrims were leaving Islam's holiest shrine, the Grand Mosque. Sixteen people were injured, two critically.

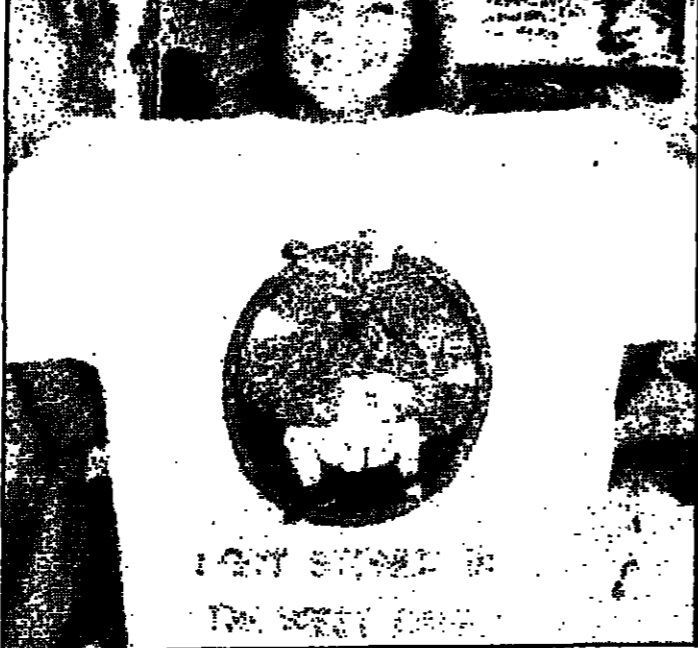
Local newspapers said 12 of the injured had now left hospital to complete the haj (pilgrimage) rituals. Video cameras installed around the Grand Mosque as part of unprecedented security measures during the Haj were being monitored for clues, one Arab journalist in Makkah told Reuters.

King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has expressed sorrow and regret over the explosions, according to Radio Riyadh.

"No Muslim with a touch of faith in his heart would perpetrate such a criminal deed in a place respected even by non-Muslims," the state-run broadcast quoted the monarch as telling Saudi security commanders and officers of haj last night.

"It is a matter of fact that it was impossible at the time for anyone to do anything to prevent the blast because tens of thousands of pilgrims and citizens were walking on the street where the explosions took place," King Fahd went on.

The Saudi leader did not preclude the possibility of further "such things by the many unfaithful individuals," the king added.



Tee-shirts display

Andrea Smicun, a salesgirl in a central Jerusalem tee-shirts store, displays today a favourite selling item which reads "I Got Stoned In The West Bank". Behind her another shirt with the design of Yitzhak Shamir and Yasser Arafat facing off with six-shooters under the title, "The Wild West Bank". The store's owner claims they are particularly popular with tourists who understand their double meaning. (Reuters wirephoto)



Papandreou weds

With the passing of the Greek Orthodox crowns of marriage over their heads: Dimitra Liani and former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou become man and wife, ending their two-year extramarital affair this evening at a small church north of Athens. (Reuters wirephoto) (See Page 4)

Kochetov to visit Kuwait

MOSCOW, July 14, (KUNA): The Soviet first Deputy Defence Minister, Army General Konstantin Kochetov, will pay an official visit to Kuwait between July 17 and 20, Tass news agency reported today.

He will confer with Kuwaiti Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmed and other military leaders, and familiarise himself with Kuwaiti military training and organisation, Tass added.

General Kochetov said that Kuwait plays a noticeable stabilising role in the Middle East, the agency went on.

"We sincerely support Kuwait's practical steps to settle the conflict in that explosive region," he told Tass.

"The development of contacts between the USSR and Kuwait in the military field will help strengthen trust and improve mutual understanding between the two nations," General Kochetov continued.

He expressed hope that his visit would usher in a new stage in establishing good relations between Soviet and Kuwaiti servicemen.

Kochetov, 57, is a professional military officer who has worked his way up from a platoon commander to commander of a military district and then on to first deputy defence minister.

He graduated from two military academies.

Eight killed in Somali unrest

Capital under curfew

NAIROBI, July 14, (Reuters): Somali soldiers and police have shot dead several protesters in the capital, Mogadishu, and the government has declared a curfew, Western diplomats contacted from Nairobi said today.

State-run radio said eight people were killed and 24 injured when "troublemakers masquerading beneath the cloak of religion" clashed with security forces this afternoon.

The diplomats said some protesters apparently had guns. The cause of the unrest was not immediately clear.

Aden Abdi Hussein, London representative of the rebel Somali National Movement (SNM), told Reuters by telephone that demonstrations against President Mohamed Siad Barre broke out yesterday after four Islamic religious leaders and several prominent people were arrested.

One diplomat said: "We think many local people (have been killed), as for Western citizens we think two or three. The situation is apparently out of control."

But another diplomat said he believed the Army had regained control after one hour of heavy fighting.

"All I know is that the shoot-

ing around my house was very intense," he said. "It lasted one hour and then has trickled off to intermittent shooting."

Diplomats said the Army and police started firing about 1pm (1000 GMT), and there had been shooting in several parts of Mogadishu.

The government had imposed a 6 pm to 6 am curfew, they said. Somalia's state radio said the situation was under control.

"Security forces tried to curb the disturbances, but the troublemakers refused to disperse peacefully," it said in a broadcast monitored in Nairobi.

It said the dead and injured included protesters and police.

Hussein told Reuters earlier that demonstrators were being violently repressed by the armed forces.

"There has been indiscriminate shelling of unarmed civilians and we have been told that the wounded and the dead are lying in the streets of Mogadishu now," he said.

Hussein said prominent people arrested included Ismael Jimale, a lawyer who had defended political prisoners, and Abdulkadir Aden Osman, a former minister of public works.

Bogus proteins subvert AIDS

BOSTON, July 14, (AP): Fake proteins can jam the delicate machinery used by the AIDS virus to reproduce inside the body and could provide a new treatment and some day perhaps even the basis of a cure for AIDS, scientists report.

Despite the tantalising results, researchers caution that the new approach, undertaken in the test tube only, could be years or even decades away from practical use.

In the work, described in two papers in today's issue of the Journal Cell, scientists tinkered with two AIDS virus genes, known in genetics shorthand as Tat and Rev. Both produce proteins that are essential for the virus to churn out copies of itself inside the body.

The scientists found that by slightly scrambling the genes, they can make them produce proteins that don't work. But because the proteins look like the real thing, the AIDS virus is fooled into using them instead of its own natural proteins. As a result, virus replication is shut down.

This suggests two possible ways to combat AIDS. One is to flood the bloodstream with fake viral proteins that will overwhelm the genuine product and short-circuit viral replication. The other, probably more difficult, approach is to implant the viral genes that make these bogus proteins into victims' bodies so they will produce their own anti-viral ammunition.

Dr. Maurice Green of St Louis University experimented with the Tat gene, while Dr Bryan R. Cullen of the Howard Hughes Institute at Duke University worked with the Rev gene.

Green said that unlike most proteins, the fake Tat product can be taken in by cells. There it will "jam up the virus control mechanism for viral replication."

"We are testing it out against the most virulent strains of AIDS virus and we are very encouraged," Green said. "It's a major step forward, as far as I'm concerned."

Dr. William Haseltine of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, a co-discoverer of both genes, was cautious about the practical importance of the research.

Filipino minister to visit Moscow

MOSCOW, July 14, (KUNA): Philippines' Minister of Foreign Affairs Raul Manglapus will start on Sunday an official four-day visit to the Soviet Union, it was officially announced here today.

The official Soviet spokesman said in a press briefing that Manglapus' visit, which comes at the invitation of the Soviet government, will conclude in the signing of a number of agreements in the fields of scientific and cultural co-operation.

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Grand Bingo

KD 250 must be won

Numbers for Game No. 71 appear on Page 2.

Yogurt, cheese may aid cancer

BOSTON, July 14, (UPI) — A new study suggests that eating large amounts of dairy products, especially yogurt and cottage cheese, may increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer, a Harvard researcher said Wednesday.

A team of researchers affiliated with Harvard Medical School found for the first time that women with ovarian cancer were more likely to eat dairy products, especially yogurt and cottage cheese, compared to healthy women.

Dr. Daniel Cramer, who headed the study published in the current issue of the British journal *The Lancet*, stressed the findings need to be confirmed before recommending women eat less dairy products. But he said the findings were cause for concern, especially for women who eat a lot of yogurt.

"We are reluctant to make broad public health recommendations on the basis of this because it's such a new finding," said Cramer, an associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Harvard and the Brigham and Women's Hospital.

"But if our findings are confirmed, this would suggest that avoidance of (dairy) food by women may be important for preventing ovarian cancer in women," he said.

Scientists are unsure why dairy products would increase the risk of ovarian cancer, but believe a sugar found in milk, cheese, yogurt and other dairy products known as galactose may damage the ovaries.

Lawrence Garfinkel of the American Cancer Society said the study was interesting and appeared to be well done. But he noted there have been numerous false alarms in the past about foods being associated with cancer.

"We have to wait to see if anybody can duplicate it before we make a statement," he said. "Yogurt has so many other advantages that I would certainly wait until other studies are done before I make any statements."

There are about 20,000 new cases of ovarian cancer diagnosed each year in the United States and about 12,000 American women die from the disease annually — making it the fifth leading cause of cancer and cancer death in the nation.

The researchers examined the possible relationship between dairy products and ovarian cancer because rodent studies found galactose could cause ovarian damage, and that appeared to increase the risk of developing ovarian cancer.

All dairy products contain a form of sugar called lactose, which breaks down into galactose and glucose. In yogurt and cottage cheese, much of the lactose already is broken down into its components.

For the study, Cramer and his colleagues compared how much dairy food was eaten by 235 women with ovarian cancer to how much was consumed by 239 similar women without ovarian cancer.



Monkey business

Adam, a month-old Kata Lamur monkey, climbs on the head of Limor Kahana, a worker at the Ramat Gan Safari outside Tel Aviv. Kahana adopted Adam who was born at the zoo but was rejected by his parents and other Kata Lamurs in captivity. (Reuters wirephoto)

Child beats the odds Boy wonder

RICHMOND, Virginia, July 14, (AP) — Doctors said he would never smile and would be lucky to live more than a few weeks, but a boy born without a brain is now 5 years old and laughs at television programmes, says his adoptive mother.

"Andrew just grows," said Kaye J. Vandal. "He laughs, he giggles, he smiles. He has an outgoing, bubbly personality that really draws people to him."

Doctors "said he would never smile, never respond, never grow," Ms Vandal said. "All those things have proved to be untrue."

Andrew, who celebrated his 5th birthday Wednesday, is in excellent health, said Ms Vandal, a paediatric nurse who lives in Wallingford, Connecticut.

"He had not even had a cold until this past year when he developed the flu," she said in a telephone interview. "But he got over it in normal fashion and went back to nursery school."

Soon after Andrew was born in Roanoke, doctors ran tests that showed he had no brain. A cyst had formed at the stem of the brain and kept the rest of it from forming, leaving his skull filled with fluid — a condition known as hydranencephaly.

He survived because the brain stem contains the nerve centre that controls breathing and circulation.

But the parts of the brain that allow humans to think and co-ordinate muscular movement — the cerebrum and cerebellum — never formed.

Dr Robert T. Leshner, a professor of neurology and paediatrics at the Medical College of Virginia, said there is no known treatment for hydranencephaly and that the prognosis for such patients is poor.

"Most children with the condition 'don't make it past the first year of life,'" he said. The cause of the condition is not known.

Andrew's biological mother had decided before his birth that she would give up her child for adoption.

Foster parents took care of the boy for five months while the Richmond-based Children's Home Society of Virginia, a private adoption agency, searched for prospective parents.

"Andrew was the hardest adoption I ever did," said Sharon E. Peterson, the society's director of development. "We decided we're not putting this kid in an institution. We're going to place him."

Ms Vandal sought to adopt Andrew after reading a newspaper story about him.

of burns and leg fractures.

The substance, which occurs naturally in small amounts, is produced in quantity through genetic engineering. It has been the subject of intensive research by biotechnology companies because of the large potential market for a drug that promotes healing.

An editorial published with the study in yesterday's *New England Journal of Medicine* said this is the first carefully conducted experiment in people to show that the treatment works.

US to revise immigration law

WASHINGTON, July 15, (UPI) — The Senate approved a far-reaching revision of immigration law yesterday, setting a ceiling of 630,000 newcomers a year and blending the traditional goal of family reunification with a new emphasis on welcoming the skilled and educated.

The legislation, which would allocate 480,000 slots to relatives of people already in the United States and 150,000 slots to the most skilled and educated in demand for jobs in America, passed 81-17 and was sent to the House of Representatives for action.

Included in the 150,000 are 54,000 openings for "selected immigrants" chosen on the basis of age, education, job demand, training and work experience — a new category in the law.

Even the sponsors of the bill, the first major change in immigration law in 28 years, agreed that the legislation will still leave many foreigners waiting to get into the United States.

"There are just a lot more waiting to come than we can accommodate," said Senator Alan Simpson, Democrat of Wyoming.

After several efforts to enlarge the immigration, the Senate adopted an amendment by

Senator Arlen Specter, Republican of Pennsylvania, to allow 85,200 professionals, and skilled and unskilled workers, instead of 54,000.

The Specter amendment raised the total ceiling to 630,000 during each of the next three years, the first ceiling since 1924 when immigration into the United States was held to 150,000 people.

In one of the more lively showdowns, the Senate refused, 56-43 to give special preference to immigrants who speak English.

Berating his colleagues for refusing to break new ground in immigration law, Simpson said,

"You will have snored, rolled and ripped around in it and given birth to a mouse." The Senate added provisions to protect from deportation about one million spouses and children of illegal aliens given amnesty in the 1986 law, banned direct federal benefits, such as health care and housing, to illegal aliens, and, despite a constitutional challenge, prevent the counting of illegal aliens for use in reapportionment of congressional districts.

As in current law, the bill sets no limit on the immigration of spouses and minor children of US citizens, which reached 220,000 last year.

Funerals replace French festivities

LUXIOL, France, July 14, (AP) — Funerals for 14 people killed by a man firing a shotgun at anyone in his path replaced today's Bastille Day festivities in this village in eastern France, Mayor Roger Clausse said yesterday.

Clausse, whose 5-year-old niece was among those killed, said the ceremonies would be held this afternoon in Luxiol, a community of 128 people, and the nearby villages of Baumes-Dames, Verne and Voillans.

Street dances and fireworks displays were cancelled. The traditional July 14 celebrations were to be especially lively across France this year in honour of the 200th anniversary of the storming of the Bastille prison, which started the French revolution.

On Wednesday, Christian Dornier killed his mother and sister and wounded his father before getting in his car and driving around Luxiol and neighbouring villages, shooting at anyone in his path, police said.

The 31-year-old man was finally stopped by police gunfire in the village of Autchaux, 1.5 miles (2.5 kilometres) from Luxiol. He was at Besancon Hospital under police guard on Thursday.

The mayor's son, Joel Clausse, said yesterday he was upstairs at home several hundred yards from the Dornier house when he saw Dornier driving in his direction and blasting away with the shotgun.

Clausse said he shot at Dornier from the upstairs window with a rifle and wounded him, but not badly enough to stop him.

"I saw the blood spurting out of his neck," Joel Clausse said. Dornier then continued driving around Luxiol and to the neighbouring villages until he was finally stopped by police gunfire in the village of Autchaux, 1.5 miles (2.5 kilometres) from Luxiol, the mayor's son said.

A makeshift chapel was set up at Besancon's City Hall, where the bodies of six victims were laid.

The mayor, interviewed on French Radio yesterday, said Dornier was believed to have been angered by his elderly father's decision not to turn over to him management of the family farm in Luxiol.

Police said Dornier is about 30 years old and had been working on the farm. Clausse said Dornier was known in the village to have been emotionally troubled.

Clausse said he had heard the shots Dornier fired Wednesday and called police, who said about 40 officers pursued him. He said that Dornier and a police captain were among 10 people wounded before the gunman was captured.

The police department in Besancon said 14 people were shot to death. Earlier, a spokesman for Besancon's central hospital, speaking on condition of anonymity, said 15 have died, including one in the hospital.

Authorities said Dornier shot everyone in his path. Police chased him from his farm through the village as he left a trail of battered vehicles, bloody bicycles, dead and wounded victims, the police reported.

Georges Dornier, the man's uncle, said in a telephone interview that his nephew was "mildly depressive."

"I saw him this morning and he was very calm," the uncle said Wednesday after the shooting spree.

Police in the regional headquarters in Besancon, about 25 miles (40 kilometres) from Luxiol, said they could give no motive for the attack. Luxiol is about 25 miles (40 kilometres) southeast of Paris.

A young woman reached by telephone in Luxiol said she heard gunshots that she thought at first were firecrackers.



Gabor pleads guilty

BEVERLY HILLS, California, July 14, (AP) — Supporters carried "Free Zsa Zsa" signs outside court, where actress Zsa Zsa Gabor (centre) on Wednesday pleaded innocent to charges stemming from confrontation with a policeman during a traffic stop.

The plea took just a few minutes and Miss Gabor — who had a lot to say later — said nothing while standing by attorney William Grayson as he entered her plea before municipal judge Charles G. Rubin.

The judge granted Miss Gabor's request for an Aug. 2 pretrial hearing at which, Grayson said, he will try to prove the officer has a history of abusive behaviour toward celebrities. A jury trial was set for Sept. 11.

Miss Gabor was charged with misdemeanor battery on a police officer, disobeying an officer's orders, driving with

an expired licence, having an open container of alcohol in her car and carrying an expired vehicle registration.

She was arrested June 14 after her Rolls Royce Corniche was pulled over for the registration violation, but drove off as the officer was checking for other infractions and then allegedly slapped him when he got her to stop two blocks later.

"This man is a sadist. We had enough of this in communist Hungary and we don't need it here," the Hungarian-born Miss Gabor said.

When questioned by reporters about the policeman's charges that she had used abusive language, Miss Gabor said, "My dear girl, I do not have bad language. I was very well brought up. I am a lady." (Reuters wirephoto)

NASA official quits

Commercials get cosmic

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP) — Another high-ranking executive is leaving the US space agency, and like some others he blames a new government ethics law that takes effect Sunday.

The resignation of Robert O. Aller, effective tomorrow, adds to the management problems facing National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) chief Richard H. Truly, who was sworn in only two weeks ago.

Aller's resignation will come less than a week before the 20th anniversary of the first moon landing on July 20, 1969.

Truly himself had first filled in as acting administrator because the agency's No. 1 and No. 2 officials, James C. Fletcher and Dale D. Myers, resigned in the spring.

Aller, head of the office of space operations, becomes the ninth high-level official to resign from the agency this year and the third to say publicly he is leaving because of the new ethics law.

"Frankly, it's so vague and undefined that I'm not aware of anybody in government or on Capitol Hill or in industry that really understands its implications," Aller said after his resignation was announced Wednesday.

"For one that had planned at some point in time to go into private industry, (the law) almost insists that you resign before the 16th of July," he said.

The ethics law, aimed at curtailing an exchange of personnel between some federal agencies and private industry, takes effect that day.

The rules will bar federal contractors from hiring government officials who have supervised their competitors' projects.

Another who is quitting tomorrow is William Ballhaus, director of NASA's Ames Research Centre in California. NASA said Ballhaus was unhappy with "inadequate compensation for senior federal executives and vague post-government employment regulations."

"My family situation is such that public service in the current environment is no longer a viable option for me," said Ballhaus, who had been with the agency for 18 years.

Aller joined NASA in 1964 and was deeply involved in the Apollo programme, which culminated in man's first landing on the Moon. NASA celebrations of that anniversary next week are expected to include a call by President George Bush for a revitalized space programme that perhaps may include a goal of landing on Mars or colonizing the Moon.

A US mission could be back on the moon by the year 2,000 barely three decades after the Apollo landing there, Truly said yesterday.

Retarded man executed

ATMORE, Alabama, July 14, (AP) — A mildly retarded killer died in Alabama's electric chair today after prison officials botched a first execution attempt by improperly hooking up the chair's electrical connections.

Horace Franklin Dunkins Jr., 38, was declared dead at 12:27 am (0427 GMT) after the second attempt to electrocute him for the 1980 rape and murder of a woman. The execution came hours after the US Supreme Court turned down two last-minute appeals.

Dunkins was strapped into the chair, but the first throw of the switch at 12:08 am (0408 GMT) brought no visible response from the condemned man.

A guard in the witness room opened the door to the death chamber, and told another guard directing the execution, "I believe you've got the jacks on wrong." Neither guard was identified.

Two doctors who examined Dunkins determined he was unconscious, but had a strong heartbeat. State Prison Commissioner Morris Thigpen told a news conference later.

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Soldier 'partly' confesses to slashing cabbie's throat

FUERTH, West Germany, July 14, (UPI) — An American soldier allegedly slashed the throat of a female taxi driver with a military "survival knife" and left her dying in her cab, West German and US officials said yesterday.

Private Kent Stinson, 20, was overpowered and arrested by US military police as he returned to his barracks in Fuerth, about 130 miles (210 km) south of Frankfurt, at 5:15 am, according to the officials.

Stinson, of the 16th engineer battalion is 1st armored division, 7th corps, was held "pend-

ing the outcome of an ongoing investigation by German and US authorities," said Capt. J.J. Rostkowski, a spokesman for the division.

Local police said without elaborating that the suspect had "partly" confessed to the killing.

"The lifeless body of the woman was found laid down in the driver's seat with blood gushing out of a neck wound," an official West German police statement said. The victim was identified only as a 38-year-old Ger-

man national.

Several people awakened by the taxi's horn ran to the street and watched a man flee the scene, the police statement said.

Investigators suspected the assailant used a military "survival knife" to slash the woman's throat, and a hat bearing Stinson's name was found in the cab.

West German police took blood and urine samples from Stinson but found no traces of alcohol. A motive for the killing was not immediately established.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hostage released

AMSTERDAM, July 14, (Reuters) — A West German drug addict released a 52-year-old woman he had held at gunpoint in her home in the Dutch town of Heerlen last night after his girlfriend was brought in to intervene, police said.

Police then stormed the building using stun grenades and captured the man unhurt.

The woman's 22-hour ordeal ended after the addict's girlfriend had been brought at his request from West Germany by Dutch police, police spokesman Herman Nabers said.

After talking to him by telephone from Heerlen's police station the girl was allowed to enter the house, Nabers said.

Child kills sister

TALLAHASSEE, Florida, July 14, (AP) — An infant was killed with a gun that her 6-year-old sister found under their parents' pillow hours after Gov. Bob Martinez signed a bill intended to protect children from accidental shootings.

Ten-month-old Enercida Suarez was shot late Wednesday and died early yesterday at St. Joseph's hospital in Tampa, police said.

She was the seventh victim of such an accident since June 1.

"The 6-year-old found the .38 caliber revolver lying on their parents' bed under a pillow ... and thinking it was a toy, fired it once, striking the girl in the head," said Tampa police officer S. Middleton.

Phoney money

PHOENIX, July 14, (AP) — A man used a photocopy to produce \$1 million counterfeit \$100 bills, the secret service said.

Richard Perez, 39, could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted of counterfeiting, said agent Don Tucker.

Perez was arrested Tuesday after trying to negotiate with an undercover agent to trade the counterfeit money for 500 pounds of marijuana, Tucker said.

Tucker said that Perez produced the counterfeit bills on a copier belonging to Perez' employer and that the seizure was believed to be the secret service's largest involving counterfeit currency produced with a color copier.

Cocaine seized

QUAYAGUIL, Ecuador, July 14, (UPI) — Police found more than 150 pounds of cocaine hidden in the ceiling of a passenger bathroom on an Eastern Airlines passenger plane, officials said yesterday.

It was the sixth time in six months that Ecuadorian authorities have detained an Eastern flight after finding cocaine on board.

Police said the cocaine was found on Wednesday night on a flight bound for Miami that originated in Cali, Colombia, with a stop in Quayaquil.

News reports in Quayaquil said two people were detained in the case.

Memorial service

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP) — Friends and relatives remembered the inspiring side and the human foibles of muckracking journalist J.P. Stone at a memorial service.

"He had warmth, humor," said Stone's brother-in-law, attorney Leonard Boudin.

But of Stone, who once wrote that the departed is always given "credit for more virtues than he possessed," Boudin said during Wednesday's service: "I didn't always think his puns were so great."

Stone died June 18 in Boston at the age of 81. Besides his wife of 59 years, Esther, he is survived by two sons, Lester and Charles, and a daughter, Celia Stone Gilbert.



What a beast!

Actor Ron Perlman is shown in the costume he wears when he portrays the beast in the television show, "Beauty and the Beast." The actor, who recites poetry by Lord Byron and Percy Bysshe during the show, has apparently popularised the authors' works. About 250,000 copies of the poems have been sold recently. (Reuters wirephoto)

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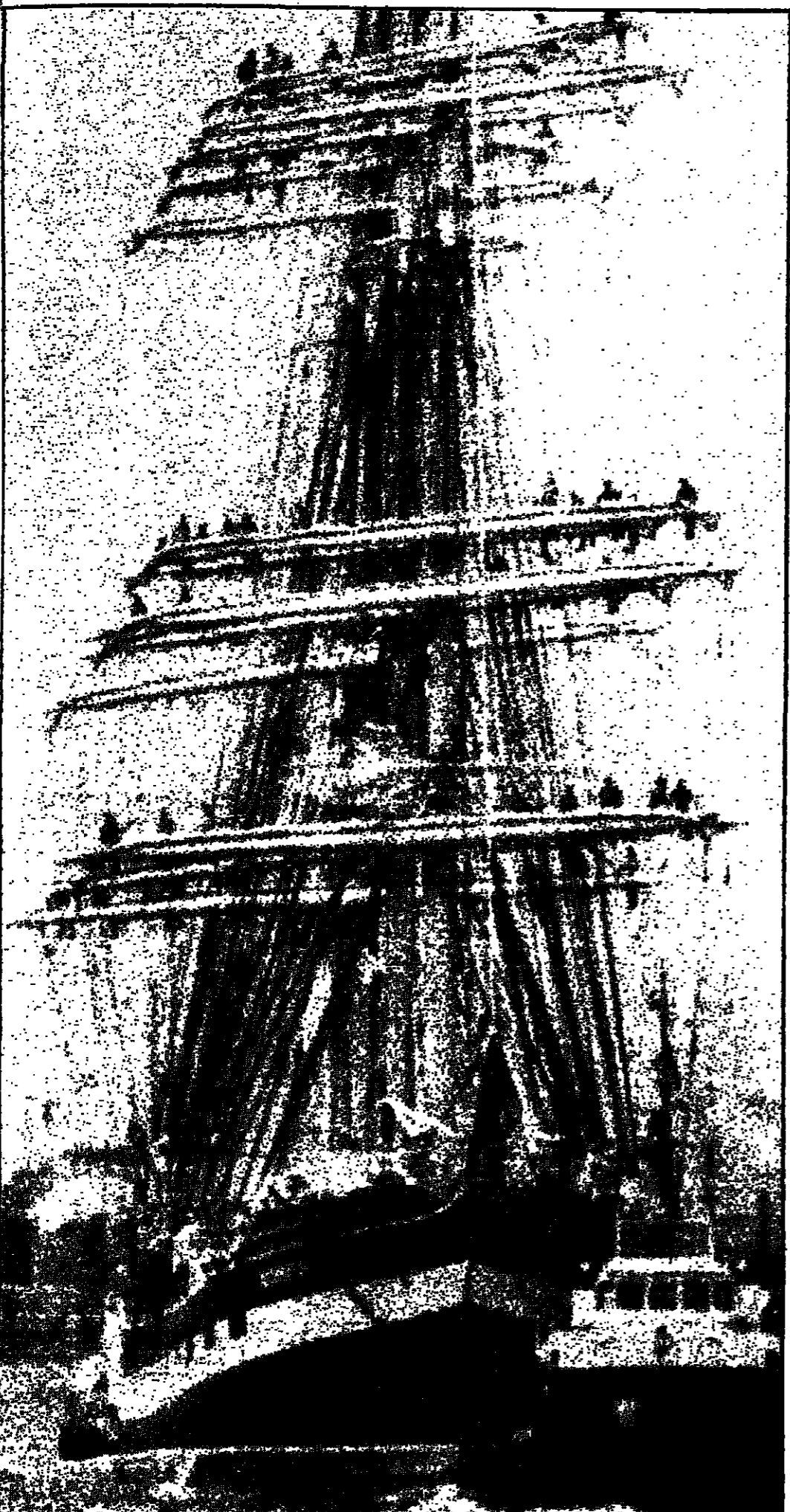
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All shipshape

The Russian windjammer 'Krusenstern' arrives at the port of Hamburg in West Germany on the 800th anniversary of the Hamburg port. An estimated 400 sailboats will join the celebrations this week. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

BARTOW, Florida: A former live-in maid has pleaded guilty to stealing nearly \$900,000 from an elderly paraplegic woman kept prisoner in her own home.

Barbara Jane Stevens, 55, could receive three years in prison at sentencing on Aug. 10. Prosecutors said Ms Stevens confined 71-year-old Valeria Lutz to her Lakeland home by taking away the woman's walker — a four-legged support used to move around — and telephone and by giving her illegally obtained prescription drugs to keep her sleepy. Some of the \$883,534 stolen from the widow in 1987-88 went to Fountain of Life Inc., a TV Ministry in Greenville, North Carolina, and to Sunshine Cathedral in Highland City, authorities said.

Ms Stevens pleaded guilty on Tuesday to charges including kidnapping, forgery, grand theft and conspiracy. Prosecutors agreed to drop \$5 other charges. She could have received life in prison if convicted as charged. (AP)

LOS ANGELES: Comedienne Roseanne Barr, star of the television series *Roseanne*, filed for divorce on Thursday from her husband of 15 years. Citing irreconcilable differences, Barr sought custody of her three children — Jessica 14, Jennifer, 13, and Jake, 12 — from her marriage to William Postland. Barr's petition, filed with Los Angeles superior court, did not seek child support but said the three children were living with her. (Reuter)

NEW YORK: New York City's unprecedented fourth term Mayor Edward Koch, who nursed the city back from a serious financial crisis, announced on Thursday that he is running for an unprecedented fourth term. Koch's declaration, which appeared to be spontaneous, came during an interview on a local radio talk show. "I'm making my formal announcement on your programme. This is an exclusive for WOR. I am running for a fourth term," he said in response to a question from host Sherry Henry.

Koch, who is Jewish, is the first mayor in New York City's history to seek a fourth term in office. In his announcement, Koch, whose standing in the polls has declined recently, defended his 12 years in office. "I believe my three terms will be perceived historically as very good for the city of New York," he said, pointing to the city's recovery from near-bankruptcy in the mid-1970s. (Reuter)

LONDON: Upsetting a time-honoured tradition of the House of Commons, deputy speaker Betty Boothroyd told a legislator on Wednesday night to stop calling her Mr and start calling her madam.

In accordance with usual practice, legislator Ann Winterton of the ruling Conservative Party referred to Miss Boothroyd as "Mr deputy speaker" as she presided over a late-night debate on food in the absence of speaker Bernard Weatherill.

But Miss Boothroyd told her: "I long to be a female. Vive la difference. I am madam deputy speaker."

Mrs Winterton replied: "I am a traditionalist and I hope you will not mind, Mr deputy speaker, if I refer to you as Mr."

But Miss Boothroyd did. "While I am in the chair, I am to be addressed as madam deputy speaker," she ruled.

The Commons clings to a variety of strange customs and rituals inherited from the past. The "Mr deputy speaker" tag dates back to the all-male days before 1919 when Lady Astor became the first woman legislator.

Stricken pilot survives ocean crash

'Nobody ever expected him to be alive'

MIAMI, July 14. (Agencies): Authorities are amazed by the survival of a stricken pilot whose small plane flew hundreds of miles (kilometres) on autopilot, shadowed by military jets, before running out of gas and spiralling into the ocean.

The pilot then emerged from the wreckage yesterday in the Atlantic Ocean, apparently revived by the water, and swam toward his startled rescuers, authorities said.

Thomas Root, a 36-year-old lawyer from Alexandria, Virginia, was pulled from Bahamian waters by Air Force paratroopers four hours after he had first radioed he was in trouble. He was first taken to Nassau and a Coast Guard helicopter then flew him to hospital in Florida.

"For him to survive a crash like that, it just sent us all into shock," said Petty Officer Veronica Cady, a Coast Guard spokesman. "We didn't expect this story to have a happy ending."

"The first comments I heard — 'he's got nine lives.' Nobody ever expected him to get out of the water and be alive," said Douglas Johnson, chief air traffic controller at the US Navy's fleet area control and surveillance facility in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Coast Guard Capt. Dr James Rahman said Root may have passed out from carbon monoxide poisoning in the cockpit of his single-engine Cessna and that water splashing in his face apparently roused him.

"He was in shock, but he was alert and coherent. He reached 10,000 feet (3,000 m) when he passed out," said Ahman.

"He said the next sensation he felt was water coming into the cabin."

Root was taken to Memorial Hospital in Hollywood, where he underwent three hours of exploratory surgery for possible



Root's plane crashes into the ocean Thursday off Eleuthera Island in Bahamian waters. (Reuter wirephoto)

'You really did it this time,' wife says

ALEXANDRIA, Virginia, July 14. (AP): From the wife to the husband, learning he was safe after crashing in the ocean: "You really did it this time."

Kathy Root endured eight hours of agonizing uncertainty yesterday before she could dispatch that light-hearted gibe to her husband, Thomas.

Root, a 36-year-old lawyer, was flying his own plane to North Carolina when he became ill. His plane winged its way southward, running out of fuel and crashing into the Atlantic in Bahamian waters where Air Force paratroopers pulled him from the water.

"It was like a rollercoaster," Mrs Root,

35, said of the daylong wait for news.

"This is somebody you've loved and lived with a long time. The suddenness of it is breathtaking, awful," she said. "It was very exhausting, very difficult to deal with."

She spoke with reporters late in the afternoon on her front porch after accepting delivery of a pizza. She had missed lunch in all the excitement.

Asked how she was feeling, Mrs. Root said, "tired and nervous and pretty much exhausted."

She was planning to fly to Miami soon to join her husband.

Mrs Root, a petite woman with short black hair, said she first heard that her husband's flight was in trouble around 8 a.m., (1200 GMT) when air traffic control officials called to say they "had not heard from him."

She said she was updated throughout day about the status of plane and eventually saw TV pictures of her husband being pulled from the water.

When hospital officials finally called from Florida with the news that her husband was awake and in serious but guarded condition, "I said to tell him, 'Root, you really did it this time.'"

internal injuries.

A spokeswoman at the hospital said Root, a self-employed communications lawyer was suffering from a rupture of an undetermined abdominal organ.

After the operation, his condition was upgraded from critical to stable, said hospital spokeswoman Cynthia Wine.

The drama began about 8:30 a.m. (1230 GMT) yesterday when Root, who had taken off from Washington National Airport about 6:30 a.m. (1030 GMT) for Rocky Mount, North Carolina,

radioed air traffic controllers in Virginia.

"Yes sir we're having a little problem up here," Root told controllers, according to a tape of the conversation played by Washington television station WRC-TV.

"Seem to have a little trouble breathing," said Root, who also reported chest pain. "How far am I to Rocky Mount now?"

"You're about 17 minutes from Rocky Mount," replied an unidentified controller.

There was no further radio

contact, and military pilots who tailed the plane reported he was slumped behind the controls as his plane flew south off the coast, occasionally getting within 100 miles (160 kilometres) of the shore.

Military pilots and rescuers trained to parachute into the ocean to save ditched pilot could only watch helplessly as their aircraft tracked the plane until it ran out of gas.

After more than 3 1/2 hours of radio silence, the plane spiralled into the water and Root was

rescued, 800 miles (1,287 kilometres) from his original destination in North Carolina, southeast of Miami.

Coast Guard Lieut Commander Gary Poll, who was at the scene in a jet when Root crashed, said the plane was at about 7,000 feet (2,133 metres) when it began spiralling in like a corkscrew and spinning down at about 2,000 feet (609 metres) per minute.

Poll said the nose and left wing hit the water at the same time and the plane swiveled on its belly on a 360-degree spin.

Erosion of ozone detected in Arctic

LONDON, July 14. (Reuter): US scientists believe pollution may now be damaging the Earth's protective ozone shield over the Arctic as well as the Antarctic, according to a leading scientific journal.

But the scientists suggested that the distribution of the ozone, a form of oxygen, over the North Pole made the Arctic less vulnerable to attack than the Antarctic.

David Hofmann, leader of a University of Wyoming research group, said in the latest edition of *Nature* magazine that the team found signs of ozone erosion last winter using sensors lifted to high altitudes by balloons.

"It is quite likely we are witnessing the onset of a phenomenon identical to that which takes place in the Antarctic stratosphere, except at higher altitudes in the Arctic," Hofmann said.

The sensors detected special clouds known to foster reactions that break down industrial pollutants in the upper atmosphere. These pollutants, known as chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs), then release chlorine gas which attacks the ozone layer.

Leading industrial countries have already pledged to cut production of CFCs. But West Germany has said it will use a Paris summit of Western economic powers this week to press for a complete ban by the year 2000.

CFCs are widely used in aerosol spray cans, refrigeration and other industrial processes.

Hofmann said the ozone layer, which screens out harmful solar rays that can damage human tissue and cause cancer, had been depleted by only three per cent in the Arctic, compared with some 50 per cent in the Antarctic.

"The amount of apparent ozone deficit observed in the Arctic is very small," he said.

Hofmann said the ozone depletion, measured over Kiruna, northern Sweden, was taking place at a much higher level in the Arctic than that in the Antarctic.

Disgraced hero put to death

4 Cubans executed

MEXICO CITY, July 14. (Agencies): Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, a hero of the Cuban revolution and a close friend of President Fidel Castro, was executed yesterday along with three other senior officials for betraying the nation by trafficking in drugs, the Cuban news agency Prensa Latina said.

The executions ended one of most traumatic moments in Cuban history since Castro came to power 30 years ago.

Only hours after the execution, Castro who had dropped out of sight on June 12 after Ochoa and 13 other officers were arrested, returned to his routine by visiting workers who are building homes.

A three-member military court last Friday found Ochoa, former Interior Ministry official Col Antonio de la Guardia, Secret Police official Maj. Amado Padron and Ochoa's military aide, Capt. Jorge Martinez, guilty of treason and sentenced them to death by a firing squad.

"Today at dawn a sentence dictated by a special military tribunal was carried out against the accused," Prensa Latina said, identifying the four men without further comment. The news agency dispatch from the capital Havana was monitored in Mexico City.

The much-decorated Ochoa had fought in the popular uprising led by Castro that overthrew Dictator Fulgencio Batista on Jan. 1, 1959. The general, a close friend of Castro's, had also led Cuban troops in Angola, Ethiopia and Nicaragua.

The four were among 14 senior military and Interior Ministry officials arrested last month in the harshest crackdown on corruption and drug trafficking since the revolution. The other 10 defendants were given jail terms of between 10 and 30 years.

Two cabinet ministers also were fired in the crackdown. US authorities have repeatedly accused Cuban officials of involvement in narcotic smuggling, charges previously denied by Castro. Castro earlier this week called for steps to co-ordinate the battle against drugs with the United States.



Ochoa is shown during his trial. (Reuter wirephoto)

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher declined comment on the executions and said the administration was taking a "wait-and-see" attitude regarding the sincerity of Castro's anti-drug statements.

A Havana-based diplomat, whose Third World country maintains close ties with Cuba, said Castro supported the executions, believing they would help restore channels of communication between the United States and Cuba and strengthen his grip on the government.

"Castro was clearly in favour of the execution," the diplomat, who asked not to be identified, told United Press International in a telephone interview from Cuba.

"By doing this (supporting the executions), Castro has given his clean image and strengthened his position in the party."

The diplomat said Castro wanted to clear US charges of

drug trafficking and wanted to show Washington and others that no Cuban official will be spared if found guilty of corruption and (drug) trafficking.

"Castro personally felt betrayed by Ochoa," the diplomat said.

General Abelardo Colome Ibarra, Cuba's interior minister, commented: "How deeply they have wounded Fidel, how much they have harmed him, how much they have made him suffer. I believe that this has left a permanent mark on his health."

Prensa Latina quoted Castro as saying Tuesday that the accused "must have felt they were the most untouchable people in the world." Since they were led by "a hero of the republic, a division general, a man with the prestige that Ochoa had."

Meanwhile six top officials of Cuba's police and state security apparatus have resigned and another has been fired, the government announced today.

Committee questions authority of Kemp

WASHINGTON, July 14. (AP): Housing Secretary Jack Kemp is assuring worried members of Congress that he acted within his authority in suspending some programmes amid allegations of influence-peddling and mismanagement.

Meanwhile, in New York, two former law enforcement officers and 11 other people were indicted on charges stemming from an investigation into fraud and misuse of funds in a federally subsidised housing programme.

"These people are devoid of any conscience. The sad part is that they deprived deserving families of a roof over their heads," Suffolk County District Attorney Patrick Henry said after a county grand jury issued seven indictments.

The announcement of the indictments on Wednesday came as similar programmes funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development across the nation are being scrutinised amid revelations of fraud, corruption and influence peddling.

The committee also was to consider the nomination of Frank Keating as HUD's general counsel.

The panel's vote follows two days of intensive questioning of Kemp by two House committees about the future of several troubled programmes at the agency, which provides low-cost housing to the poor and elderly, and underwrites mortgage to middle-class homeowners.

Members of the House Banking Panel on Wednesday questioned Kemp's legal authority to suspend programmes and warned him not to use scandals at his agency to eliminate programmes for low- or middle-income Americans.

"I wish to emphasise once again, we are the committee that authorises programmes, makes the changes in them, or terminates them," said Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez, chairman of the House Banking Committee.

Saying he has suspended rather than terminated programmes, Kemp replied that he will submit a legal analysis supporting his authority to act.

Kemp pledged not to allow problems at the housing agency to be used as a "subterfuge" to eliminate programmes.

Meanwhile, the New York Times reported yesterday that auditors have determined losses in the department's Federal Housing Administration will reach \$1 billion, twice the previously estimated figure, largely because of losses in the "co-insurance" programmes.

Under that programme, private insurers assume responsibility for 20 per cent of the insurance for the department's mortgages. The newspaper said the FBI has begun to look into the affairs of DRG Funding Corp., once the largest co-insurer but now suspended from the programme.

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Panel sceptical about prospects of cold fusion

WASHINGTON, July 14. (AP): An advisory panel to the US Energy Department has recommended no new government effort to verify the University of Utah's "cold fusion" experiments that startled the international scientific community last March.

The panel, assembled at the request of Energy Secretary James D. Watkins in April, said in a draft report that it found no "convincing evidence" that the phenomena attributed to cold fusion would produce useful sources of energy.

"Evidence for the discovery of a new nuclear process termed cold fusion is not persuasive," the report said. "Hence, no special programmes to establish cold fusion research centres or to support new efforts to find cold fusion are justified at the present time."

The report by 22 non-government scientists will go to the Energy Research Advisory Board, which is due to make an official recommendation to Watkins by July 31.

A British scientist and a colleague from the

University of Utah electrified the science world when they announced they had achieved cold fusion. They said the decomposition of water at room temperature into hydrogen and oxygen by an electric current passing through a palladium electrode leads to the absorption of hydrogen atoms in the electrode, which then fuse to produce helium and large amounts of heat.

If such a process could work on a large scale, it would make possible limitless supplies of cheap energy.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Shultz memoirs

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): British publisher Robert Maxwell said today he had won the world rights to the memoirs of former US Secretary of State George Shultz.

The memoirs, which are expected to appear in 1992, will be published by Charles Scribner's Sons, an imprint of MacMillan Inc. which Maxwell owns.

Shultz left office in January after heading the State Department for more than six years during the Reagan administration.

Labour lead

LONDON, July 14, (KUNA): Britain's main opposition Labour Party's lead over the ruling Conservatives was put at just four per cent in a new opinion poll published yesterday.

Recent surveys have put Labour ahead at between 10 and 14 points.

But the findings carried by the Guardian newspaper yesterday gave voting intentions as: Conservatives 38 per cent, Labour 42 per cent, Greens eight per cent, Social and Liberal Democrats five per cent, and the SDP four per cent, and the Scottish Nationalists one per cent.

Cleaning up

ROME, July 14, (Reuters): Italian parliamentarians agreed yesterday to spend nearly \$1 billion on cleaning up the Adriatic Sea, where floating yellowish sludge has invaded popular beaches and driven away thousands of tourists.

Members of the chamber of deputies voted overwhelmingly to amend a government decree to boost total funds from two hundred to 1.33 trillion lire (\$980 million).

The amended decree, which covers spending for three years, must now return to the Senate for approval.

Declined to release

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 14, (AP): A Swedish court declined to release Christer Pettersson from jail yesterday, and ordered him to remain in custody to await a verdict on charges that he killed Prime Minister Olof Palme.

"We are continuing our deliberations," said Michael Af Geijerstam, one of the judges in the eight-member tribunal. "The case is not easy."

Geijerstam said the verdict will be published on July 27. The five-week trial ended last Monday.

EEC population

BRUSSELS, July 14, (UPI): The population of the 12 European Economic Community countries has risen to over 325 million, but almost half the increase over the past year is due to immigration, the statistical office Eurostat said yesterday.

On Jan 1, 1989, the EEC population totalled 325,472,000, an increase of 1,277,000 on an annual basis, Eurostat said.

Its natural growth — births minus deaths — amounted to 669,000 persons. Immigration from non-EEC states totalled 608,000. West Germany alone accounted for 450,000 of the immigrants, the majority coming from eastern countries, Eurostat said.

Crackdown on drugs

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): Armed members of the US Coast Guard have been helping Bolivia's Navy and special police forces crack down on drug trafficking on Bolivian rivers since January, a Coast Guard spokesman said on Wednesday.

Few Americans know about the regular involvement of the US Coast Guard in Bolivia because the service has not sought to publicize it. Also, the Coast Guard is not technically part of the US military, and falls under the Transportation Department.

Opium production

BANGKOK, July 14, (UPI): Opium production in the "Golden Triangle" has doubled over the last five years and is once again the main source of heroin coming to the United States, the US ambassador to Thailand said yesterday.

"We are not winning the war (against drugs) and Southeast Asia is once again the primary source of opium and heroin flowing to the United States and other nations," Daniel O'Donnell said.

The statement came during the close of a week-long 11-nation workshop in which delegates from Asian nations learned to "sell" culturally appropriate anti-drug messages to their citizens.

25 people dead

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, July 14, (AP): Two weeks of torrential rains have left at least 25 people dead and 30,000 homeless in the northeastern state of Alagoas, civil defence officials said.

Worst hit by the downpours was the city of Maceio, a coastal capital of 375,000 people, 1,400 km (2,250 km) northeast of Rio, where rain-triggered mudslides and 12-foot (4-metre) floodwaters caused power blackouts, paralyzed transportation and left thousands homeless.

Assassination

LIMA, Peru, July 14, (AP): Suspected Shining Path guerrillas assassinated four health workers and two teachers in a small highland village northeast of Lima, officials said yesterday.

The six were shot to death early Tuesday near the town square of Corpanqui, 120 miles (195 km) northeast of Lima, according to Hernando Mantilla, governor of Ancash region. The health workers were working as volunteers in the town in a programme providing free medical service for remote areas, he said.

PRI defeated

MEXICO CITY, July 14, (AP): Official returns show that the National Action Party has swept state elections for a governor, a legislature and two major city halls in Baja California, handing the ruling party its biggest upset ever.

The official returns released Wednesday gave the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, its worst defeat in 60 years of uninterrupted rule.



It's a winner

This photo taken by Argentine photojournalist Daniel Merle of Reuters, won the Inter-American Press Association's "Pedro Joaquin Chamorro" prize for best press photo of 1988. The photo shows an unidentified man who was posing as a press

photographer pulling a gun after he was discovered by real photojournalists outside a military base where rebel soldiers were holed up in December 1988.

(Reuters wirephoto)

Mental abuse denied

Film ban may be lifted

Horror movie

MOSCOW, July 14, (Agencies): A senior Soviet official dismissed allegations by US experts that dissenters were still being treated in psychiatric institutions, but acknowledged shortcomings in diagnosis and legal protection.

Yuri Reshetov, head of the Foreign Ministry's Human Rights and Humanitarian Cooperation Department, rejected the findings of a US team that people were still being subjected to treatment despite sweeping changes in laws on psychiatry.

"There are no cases of people put in the hospital on political grounds," Reshetov told a news conference. "Suggestions that Soviet law prohibits exercise of religion or allows for placing people in the hospital for those reasons are wrong."

He said 734,000 people had been released from medical treatment since the introduction of decrees last year transferring control of mental institutions from the Interior Ministry to the Health Ministry.

The changes followed years of Western accusations that Soviet authorities were using psychiatry to suppress dissent. Moscow denied the allegations and withdrew from the World Psychiatry Association in 1983 rather than face probable expulsion. It is likely to be readmitted this year.

Under last year's decrees, two million people were struck off mental health registers and it was made a criminal offence to certify patients wrongly.

But the report by the US delegation, which toured Soviet psychiatric wards in February and March, suggested the decrees did not go far enough in ensuring patients' rights.

Some Western groups said dissenters were still being incarcerated. Last month, an influential Soviet literary weekly said top doctors who had previously consigned dissenters to hospitals remained in charge of Soviet psychiatry.

The report by the 26-member US delegation said Soviet concepts of what constituted "social dangerousness" contributed to the practice of putting fit people

BROCKTON, Massachusetts, July 14, (AP): Bill Williams was featured in the film and says it humiliates him. But Vladimir Semenyov was also in "Tic-tac-toe" and wants the world to see the shocking documentary on a hospital for the criminally insane that was banned from general viewing after its debut 22 years ago.

Williams and Semenyov are among former patients at Bridgewater State Hospital interviewed by a guardian as a state judge considers a renewed request by award-winning filmmaker Frederick Wiseman to finally release his first movie.

The 85 minutes of cinema verite in black and white opened the door to what Superior Court Judge Harry Kalous labelled a "nightmare of ghoulish obscenities" when he banned the film at the state's request in 1967 on grounds it violated patients' privacy rights.

The camera captures bare cells housing often nude men, guards taunting patients and general chaos. One man is shown being force-fed as he lies on a table and liquid is poured down a rubber hose shoved into his nose.

The views of Williams, Semenyov and nearly 20 others are central to the case before Superior Court Justice Andrew Gill Meyer, who said Wednesday that he hopes to issue a decision by early next month on whether to lift the ban.

"The stigma will last to my grave," said Williams, who after leaving Bridgewater in the 1970s went to college and became a drug counselor. Semenyov, who lives less than a mile from Williams in this gritty city 15 miles south of Boston, feels much differently about the film.

"I want Bridgewater exposed," said Semenyov, who works in a supermarket and champions the mentally ill. "The building is better, but the treatment is the same."

The hospital, built in 1852, has been replaced with new buildings since "Tic-tac-toe" was made in 1966. The movie took its name from Bridgewater's annual Christmas show. "Tic-tac" was the Indian name for the area.

Legal battles over the ban continued for several years. In 1969, the state supreme judicial court upheld the ban on general release but allowed its viewing by audiences of professionals such as lawyers, social workers and psychiatrists. Wiseman, a three-time Emmy winner, renewed his battle in 1987, saying conditions had deteriorated at Bridgewater following improvements in the 22 years since the film was made.

in mental hospitals. It called for further revisions of the Soviet criminal code "to remove all prohibitions against expression of political or religious beliefs."

Among the abuses the American team found was the use of antipsychotic medications to treat patients who were thought to have "delusions of reform" or "anti-Soviet thoughts."

One drug, called sulfazine, which causes severe pain, fever and loss of muscular control, was used "for punitive rather than therapeutic purposes," the American team reported.

In their response, the Soviet psychiatrists said that the government is writing guidelines to restrict the use of such drugs.

Reshetov acknowledged that both legal and medical practices required improvement, saying some cases were still being recorded to mental institutions on the strength of information given by telephone.

"Placing someone in hospital depends largely on the culture and training of a doctor and we have had some painful cases," he said.

He also said legal experts were endeavouring to improve Soviet criminal law and the provision of psychiatric assistance.

The senior psychiatrist at the Soviet Health Ministry, Alexander Churkin, told reporters that the number of people being treated had dropped 20 per cent since the decrees were passed.

Johnson, 41, of Nashua, New Hampshire, an electronics engineer who held a top-secret clearance and worked on sensitive electronics projects for Mitre Corp of Bedford, Massachusetts, and Christina Leigh Reid, 25, of Sunnyvale, California.

Reid is suspected of being a courier for the IRA and a member of the Irish Republican Socialist Party, the political wing of the Irish National Liberation Army.

Johnson was arrested at his workplace and also is being held

condition" before leaving Honduras. American officials said the names of the victims would not be released until today.

Authorities said the seven MPs were in civilian clothes when the attack occurred early yesterday in the Caribbean port city about 125 miles northeast of the capital of Tegucigalpa. Two other military policemen escaped injury.

The soldiers were assigned to joint Task Force Bravo, based at Enrique Soto Cano Air Base near Comayagua, about 60 miles (96

Former Greek premier marries

ATHENS, July 14, (Reuters): After a torrid romance, former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou has married an airline stewardess but faces a summer of investigations into allegations of corruption instead of an island honeymoon.

"This is the happiest day of my life," said Papandreou, 70, after marrying for a third time yesterday. "I feel perfect."

His wedding to Dimitra Liani, a 34-year-old blonde, closed the chapter on an extramarital affair which scandalized many Greeks and contributed to his election defeat last month.

The socialist former prime minister and his bride beamed and waved to some 2,000 well-wishers at a Greek Orthodox chapel.

Liani has been treated as the first lady for 10 months although Papandreou was divorced from his American wife, Margaret, only last month.

One guest, former film star and Socialist Culture Minister Melina Mercouri, called the wedding the "best thing to happen to Papandreou in a long time."

The wedding day was marred by a vote in the 300-seat parliament to set up the first of a series of special 12-member investigating committees to look into allegations of widespread corruption during eight years of socialist rule in Greece.

The conservative-communist coalition government kicked off a clean-up campaign with a probe of former Deputy Socialist Economy Minister Nikos Athanasiou in connection with missing money from a 1986 illegal grain sale.

The case involves a shipment of 9,000 metric tons of Yugoslav maize which in 1986 was issued with Greek certificates of origin and then sold to an EEC member-state by a Greek state-run company.

The European court issued a ruling against Greece in May this year, citing lost revenues of 182 million drachmas or \$120 million in 1986 which should have been paid on maize imported from a non-EEC country.

New Democracy, in its motion calling for Athanasiou's resignation, said that the total damages to Greece in the scandal would come to "at least 600 million drachmas (\$3.6 million)" from reparations demanded by the EEC.

It charged that the former minister was responsible for issuing the false certificates of the maize's origin.

The afternoon daily Proti frontpaged a cartoon of Papandreou with Liani coming out of the church greeted by well-wishers throwing maize at them instead of the traditional rice. "Not maize you idiots," shouts Papandreou. "Why Mr Premier," the crowd asks, "It's our own maize from Yugoslavia."

Meanwhile, the coalition government said it will set up a committee next week to probe Papandreou and other former ministers in connection with a bank embezzlement scandal. More than \$200 million is missing.

With 173 deputies in parliament the coalition can call the tune. It also wants to investigate arms sales, Olympic Airways purchases and alleged telephone wiretapping during the socialist years of power.

Yeltsin abstains KGB gets new boss

MOSCOW, July 14, (Reuters): Vladimir Kryuchkov secured parliamentary approval as head of the KGB security service today after facing a barrage of questions from deputies on its past and present role.

The attack was led by radical deputies, including former politburo member Boris Yeltsin, who accused the KGB of maintaining a network of informers that caused "great moral damage."

Kryuchkov, the first KGB head to appear before parliament, was opposed by only six members of the 542-member Supreme Soviet.

Barclay said the soldiers were in the area to escort a US convoy and were supposed to spend the night at facilities under US-Honduran military control located outside La Ceiba. Instead, they went out on the town.

Barclay also discounted rumours the men had been playing with a grenade that exploded, saying his information was "that an explosive device was thrown at a group of soldiers by some unknown person."

Thousands mourn Kadar Former leader buried

BUDAPEST, July 14, (AP): Tens of thousands of Hungarians, many carrying flowers and weeping, yesterday mourned long-time communist leader Janos Kadar, who died last week more than a year after being eased from power by reformers.

"We came to thank him for what he did for us and the Hungarian people," said Viktor Segre, who said he and his wife, Eva, had waited more than three hours to view Kadar's red and black shrouded casket lying in state at the central committee headquarters in Budapest.

Kadar, 77, died on July 6. He was buried today in a state ceremony attended by Hungary's new leadership and delegations from the Warsaw Pact.

In the 32 years before he was ousted by a new generation of reformers in 1988, Kadar was conciliatory or ruthless by turns, as he searched for consensus in party ranks.

But Kadar gained respect at home and abroad by the 1970s, after launching economic reforms and ushering in a new spirit of tolerance that was in stark contrast to the early years of his rule and many neighbouring communist countries.

NATO to cut armed forces

Warsaw Pact gets Bush's plan

VIENNA, July 14, (UPI): "Determination" to win early cuts in conventional armed forces in Europe led to the early presentation of President Bush's plan to the Warsaw Pact, which praised the quick work but faulted a lack of verification proposals.

Both sides, however, were confident of reaching an agreement within a year. NATO's expanded position paper was presented yesterday, just six weeks after the Western alliance agreed to Bush's proposal to cut US combat manpower by 20 per cent and current NATO equipment levels by 15 per cent.

It outlines details of NATO's concession to the East bloc to include combat aircraft and combat helicopters in the talks, which went into summer recess after yesterday's session.

The revised NATO proposal had not been expected until September.

Michael Eaves, Britain's delegation leader at the conventional armed forces in Europe negotiations, said the early submission emphasised "NATO's determination to achieve early results in this negotiation and more importantly, early reduction of conventional armed forces in Europe."

Soviet delegation leader Oleg Grinevsky said the Warsaw Pact was "satisfied with the results of this session," and praised the West for early presentation of the detailed proposal.

But Grinevsky criticized NATO for not yet making its suggestions for verification or ideas on how to evaluate and count the military equipment involved.

"We cannot exchange information on troops and armaments without having counting rules. We (Warsaw Pact) presented ours two months ago," Grinevsky said.

NATO sources said when the next round begins Sept 7, they will make their proposals for exchanging information, verification, stabilising measures and non-circumvention provisions.

NATO's expanded proposal calls for destruction of battle tanks, artillery pieces and armoured troop carriers that are removed from Europe under a conventional arms agreement. It sets conditions for combat aircraft and helicopters, specifying the total for both sides is not to exceed 11,400 combat aircraft and 3,800 helicopters.

The proposal also requires no individual country have more than 30 per cent of the overall limits in each category, the alliance have 50 per cent of the total, and the aircraft and helicopters removed from Europe are to be destroyed. This would be 15 per cent below NATO's current total for combat aircraft and helicopters.

Eaves said: "The levels we have proposed today would adequately safeguard the defensive needs of the members of either alliance and will thus meet the objectives of the mandate of these negotiations."

"These levels require the Western participants to make substantial reductions in their holdings in both categories," Eaves said, "thereby fulfilling the undertaking given by our heads of state and government at the (May) summit in Brussels."

The revised NATO proposal also suggests limiting US and Soviet ground and Air Force personnel stationed outside national territory to 275,000 ground and Air Force personnel and to demobilise the troops that are withdrawn to meet the limit.

Secretary of State James Baker, travelling with Bush in Europe, said the plan calls for mutual reductions to 20,000 tanks and 20,000 troop carriers each, and a limit on artillery pieces of between 16,500 and 24,000 for each side, depending on definitions for each weapon agreed to.

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JEWIS IN BRIEF

killed in shootout

MMU, India, July 14, (AP): Militants opened fire on a police patrol yesterday in Srinagar, summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir State, and at least six people were killed in the shootout, witnesses said. The witnesses, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said in a telephone interview that the victims included four policemen and two civilians.

quake in Albania

ELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 14, (P): A moderate earthquake measuring 4.8 on the Richter Scale shook northeastern Albania today and was also felt in vast areas of neighbouring Yugoslavia, the state news agency Tanjug reported.

reported dead

ANGKOK, Thailand, July 14, (P): At least 20 people were killed when a Soviet military plane carrying Soviet and Vietnamese officials crashed in central Vietnam, the Kyodo news Agency said in a report seen yesterday.

cocaine haul

AN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 14, (AP): Puerto Rican police yesterday said they seized \$30 million worth of cocaine from a boat on a beach in the Puerto Rican island of San Juan.

doctor arrested

OKYO, July 14, (AP): A doctor was arrested today for allegedly reentering the Mayor of Nagasaki because of the mayor's earlier criticism of the late emperor, Hirohito.

aid shelved

ASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): In a "back" for the administration of President George Bush, the Senate yesterday shelved a bill to give US aid to the non-communist government in Cambodia.

bovine rampage

CHAKA, Bangladesh, July 14, (P): Hundreds of cows went amok in the capital's crowded markets, injuring at least 50 people waiting to buy animals for an Islamic celebration, officials said yesterday.

emergency eased

ELGRADE, Yugoslavia, July 14, (AP): Yugoslavia's state presidency Wednesday partially lifted state of emergency measures imposed in the ethnically troubled southern province of Kosovo last February.

taiwan parliament

AIPEI, July 14, (Reuters): An opposition politician, screaming and shouting, was charged with a crime of sedition by the legislature today.

leader arrested

SOUL, South Korea, July 14, (AP): Police charged into a Catholic building yesterday and arrested the leader of a teachers' union as demonstrators and class boycotts protesting a government ban on the union forced at least nine schools to begin early classes.

urkish refugees

UNITED NATIONS, July 14, (AP): About 135,000 Turks have fled persecution in Bulgaria, and more are arriving at the rate of 3,000 to 5,000 a day, UN officials said Wednesday.

Islam a religion of tolerance

LONDON, July 14, (AP): Pakistan's fight against heroin production depends on the West cutting consumption, Interior Minister Aitzaz Ahsan said on Wednesday.

Court acquits Filipino soldiers of massacre

MANILA, Philippines, July 14, (AP): A military court yesterday acquitted 23 soldiers of massacring 17 civilians, and another tribunal dismissed charges against a prominent officer on trial for alleged involvement in a bloody August 1987 coup attempt.

"I am very happy because that means I can go back to the field," said Sgt Nestor Garcia, one of the defendants. A survivor, Ricardo Carnate, had testified he saw Garcia stab his father to death during the massacre.

In a separate case, another court dismissed charges against Air Force Lt Col Eduardo "Red" Kapunan, who had been accused of organising cadets at the Philippine Military Academy to join a

Aug 28, 1987, attempt to overthrow President Corason Aquino.

Three of the defendants also were acquitted of charges they stole 10,000 (\$500) from the survivors. The court ordered a lieutenant, a sergeant and two privates arrested after defendants claimed they carried out the killing in the village, 135 kilometres (85 miles) of Manila.

Arnel de Guzman, secretary-general of the

Ecumenical Movement for Justice and Peace, called yesterday's acquittals "preposterous" and said the ruling would "embolden military men to go on indiscriminately shooting unarmed civilians in the name of counter-insurgency war."

Police rounded up hundreds of male residents of Manila's Muslim quarter yesterday after suspected robbers who traded gunshots with police fled into the crowded neighbourhood.



Black smoke rises into the sky from an undersea volcanic explosion on Thursday off the coast of Ito City in Japan, after a series of tremors jolted the area since late June. (Reuters wirephoto)

Ito next on the list
Volcano to erupt again

ITO, Japan, July 14, (Reuters): A baby volcano appears ready to hatch somewhere off this Japanese seaside resort as residents wait with a mixture of fear and excitement to see where it emerges.

For days, Ito has been jolted by earthquakes and tremors as volcanic magma churns below the surface of the Earth.

Yesterday, magma shot up into the sea just two miles off the town of 72,000 people, and a strong quake shook the area again today, affecting Tokyo 100 km (60 miles) to the northeast.

Experts say the latest convulsions of the Earth's crust fit into a pattern which suggest Ito itself may be the next centre of activity.

"I can't be certain, but the eruptions have been occurring on a fault line that points to an area near the populated area of Ito," Takashi Tada of the government's Geographical Survey Institute told the Yomuri Shimbun newspaper.

Tada, the only specialist who predicted an undersea eruption in the area, said yesterday's blast was directly related to the 1986 eruption of Mount Mihara on nearby Oshima island.

All the schools and many shops in Ito were closed

today as the meteorological agency warned that tidal waves could follow more eruptions even closer to the coast.

Tombstones in cemeteries have been destroyed and there are many cracks visible in buildings and streets from the series of shocks in recent weeks.

The government's co-ordinating committee said that it was broadcasting emergency warnings and news on any significant developments to families in the effected area.

Most of the 200 people who left seaside houses to spend the night in four Buddhist temples and schools returned home today. But 43 schools in Ito closed amid the uncertainty, said Masaki Mitsuhashi, a spokesman for the hot spring resort city.

The central meteorological agency said that the new volcanic tremors were measured at 2.47 am today (1747 GMT yesterday), lasting about 87 minutes, and at 11:42 am (0242 GMT), lasting about three minutes.

The volcano erupted about 100 metres (330 feet) under the sea at about 6:30 pm (0930 GMT) yesterday, some 2,400 metres (8,000 feet) northeast of Teishijima, an uninhabited islet, the agency said.

Attack in Papua New Guinea

3 Australians shot, hurt

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 14, (AP): Three Australian mine workers were shot and wounded in an ambush today by militant landowners in the second attack this week against Australian expatriates, officials said.

A security forces spokesman said the men, Bougainville Copper Ltd employees, were shot near the closed Panguna mine while driving in a convoy under police escort.

The three workers were treated for gunshot pellet wounds at the company's medical centre and later released.

The three suffered throat, neck and facial wounds, said BCL general manager Grant Thorne.

A security forces spokesman said police fired back, but apparently did not hit any of the attackers.

The attack was the second in three days on Australians working on troubled Bougainville island, where a state of emergency is in force.

On Wednesday, three Australian civilians who fly helicopters for the security forces escaped unhurt when they were fired on while driving to the township of Arawa.

Twenty-two people including three soldiers have been killed since last November when secessionist rebels launched a guerrilla warfare campaign. They forced the giant open-cut mine at Panguna to shut down in May.

That same month another Australian mine employee was shot in the stomach in an attack

by rebels. The rebels also are demanding the equivalent \$10 billion in land compensation.

The mine, ranked among the world's largest, accounts for 45 per cent of Papua New Guinea's export income and 17 per cent of its internal revenue.

Papua New Guinea, with a mainly Melanesian population of 3.5 million people, is a former Australian colony. It is located just north of Australia. There are about 15,000 Australian expatriates in the country.

In Port Moresby, meantime, the parliament voted overwhelmingly to approve the state of emergency on Bougainville and extend it for another two months.

A four-week state of emergency declared on June 26 was due to expire next Tuesday.

Cut use of heroin, West told

LONDON, July 14, (AP): Pakistan's fight against heroin production depends on the West cutting consumption, Interior Minister Aitzaz Ahsan said on Wednesday.

"You cut off demand here, I'll cut off production there," he said, and simple as that, he told a news conference in London, where he accompanied Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on an official visit.

Ahsan said the provincial government of the North West Frontier Province, where most of the poppies are grown, "has played a very important, very effective role," in combating drug production, despite counter-measures by drug profiteers.

"It is a government which has been under siege politically for the last one month and an enormous amount of money has been chasing its members in the provincial assembly in attempts to buy them off," he said.

But nonetheless the provincial government had destroyed crops and made arrests, Ahsan said.

He said the eight-month-old Benazir government's anti-drug drive had eradicated 1,708 acres (691 hectares) of poppy crops, more than half the total and three times more than the previous government achieved in nine years.



Benazir (centre) meets Rajiv Gandhi (left) and Mrs Thatcher in Paris. (Reuters wirephoto)

'Islam a religion of tolerance'

LONDON, July 14, (AP): Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan said on Wednesday that Islam should be recognised as a religion of tolerance.

She told guests at a lunch given by the Lord Mayor of London at the mansion house: "The Muslim faith does not believe in prejudice against other civilisations. We believe that prejudice is repugnant, and is not part of our religion."

She did not mention marches in Britain by Muslims calling for the execution of novelist Salman Rushdie or the banning of his book "The Satanic Verses," which many Muslims say blasphemes Islam.

But she said: "The true characteristics of Islam are tolerance and help to the needy and underprivileged."

"Islam is not a religion of tyranny. It is a religion of freedom and human dignity, and help to those who need help."

Tamil leader shot dead

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, July 14, (AP): Police today began an investigation into the assassination of a prominent Tamil politician and a colleague by suspected Tamil militants.

Three unidentified gunmen yesterday killed Appapillai Amirthalingam, 62, the leader of the moderate Tamil United Liberation Front, at his Colombo residence, police said.

Party member, Vettivelu Yogeswaran, also died in the shooting and a third person, Murguesu Sivasithamparan, was seriously injured, they said.

The gunmen were subsequently killed in a shootout with bodyguards, they said.

No group claimed responsibility for the killings, although the United News of India news agency said the attackers belonged to the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, a rebel group opposed to Amirthalingam's party.

"We have already begun an investigation into the shooting but are not willing to comment further at the moment," said a senior police official, speaking on condition of anonymity. "Every possible lead is being checked."

Amirthalingam's party, which holds 11 seats in the country's 225-seat parliament, had supported the deployment of Indian peacekeeping soldiers in Sri Lanka.

The troops were invited under the terms of an India-sponsored peace accord signed in July 1987 to try to quell the Tamil militants' rebellion for an independent nation in the northeast.

Amirthalingam, a lawyer, was elected to parliament in 1956. His party became the second largest party in parliament after the 1977 elections.

But it was relegated to the back-ground after 1983 when the Tamil Tigers launched their militant movement.

Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Rajan Wijeratne said yesterday that soldiers and police will move out of their barracks in the troubled northeast by the end of the month and Indian troops deployed in the region will be considered an "occupational Army".

Wijeratne told reporters that President Ramasinghe Premadasa would stick to a July 29 deadline for the withdrawal of the 40,000 Indian soldiers from Sri Lanka.

"Sri Lankan Army and police will come out of their barracks to maintain law and order in the north and east, because after July 29, the Indian troops will be treated as an occupational Army," Wijeratne said.

On Wednesday, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi said a pullout of the troops could only be decided through negotiations and had to be accompanied with devolution of powers to the Tamil government in the northeastern province.

In a reply yesterday, Premadasa said military action by the Indian armed forces was "unnecessary and prejudicial to a settlement by discussion and negotiation."

He said his government was willing to hold talks on the issue but the pullout and devolution of powers were "totally unconnected."

Sri Lanka expelled a British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television crew today, BBC News Delhi correspondent Mark Tully said.

Tully said the crew of five, including correspondent Kate Adey, were ordered to leave by Sri Lanka's controller of immigration.

A union representing 50,000 bus workers said on Wednesday it was calling off a strike that had paralysed Sri Lanka.

Mandela asks for ANC role

Early release ruled out

JOHANNESBURG, July 14, (Reuters): Jailed black leader Nelson Mandela has told the government he wants to help bring peace to South Africa but that negotiating with his banned African National Congress (ANC) is the only way to proceed.

In a rare statement from his prison near Cape Town on Wednesday, the 70-year-old ANC leader also damped speculation about his possible early release following his unprecedented meeting last week with President P.W. Botha.

Mandela's freedom from more than 26 years in captivity is one of the major conditions imposed by black anti-apartheid groups for entering negotiations on constitutional change.

Speculation about his release rose after news of the secret talks emerged but Mandela said it "was not an issue at this stage."

Mandela, serving a life sentence for trying to overthrow white rule, described as accurate a government statement that he and Botha had stressed a need for peaceful development.

But he added that he had not deviated from his long-held position of demanding that the government negotiate with the ANC, a move Pretoria has so far refused to make.

"Dialogue with the mass democratic movement, and in particular with the African National Congress, is the only way of ending violence," he said.

In a phrase which might bring his eventual release, he added: "I only would like to contribute to the creation of a climate which would promote peace in South Africa."

Such a form of words comes close to a stipulation expressed by government ministers in recent months that Mandela must make a formal commitment to peace before he can be freed.

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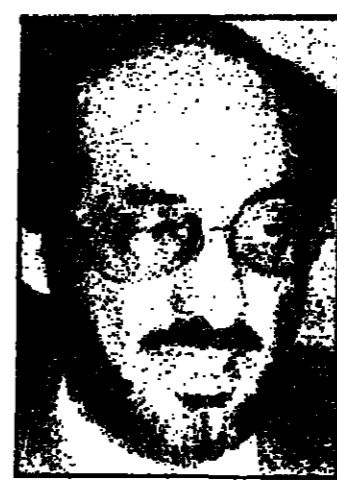
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Ismail Ayob, Mandela's lawyer, believes his client has not brought his release any closer. (Reuters wirephoto)

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One killed in Soviet unrest

Fresh violence in south

MOSCOW, July 14, (Reuters): Clashes between villagers and Central Asia over land and water rights have killed one person and injured 18 in a fresh outbreak of violence in the south of the Soviet Union, Tass said today.

The news agency said the villagers, armed with firearms and knives, fought pitched battles yesterday on the border between the republics of Kirgizia and Tajikistan.

Tass said the fighting, involving about 1,000 people in three border villages, erupted after Tajiks and Kirgizians argued over land and water use.

It said a curfew had been clamped on the entire area and senior officials, including the Communist Party chiefs of both republics, had been dispatched to the area.

The violence broke out some 100 km (60 miles) from the Fergana Valley in the neighbouring republics of Uzbekistan where more than 100 people died in clashes last month.

Those clashes pitted native Uzbeks against Meskhetian Turks deported to the area by Stalin during World War Two.

In other ethnic unrest, three people died this week in clashes in Nagorno-Karabakh, a part of the transcaucasian republic of Azerbaijan whose mainly Armenian population wants to join the neighbouring republic of Armenia.

More than 90 people died last year in Azerbaijan and Armenia in fighting over the territory.

Unrest also broke out last month in the western part of the Central Asian republic of Kazakhstan, killing four people in the town of Novy Uzen in clashes between local residents and temporary workers from nearby regions.

In April, 20 people died in the transcaucasian republic of Georgia when troops used shovels and poison gas to break up a nationalist demonstration.

Ethnic tension is considered one of the biggest obstacles to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's perestroika reforms.

The Communist Party Central Committee is due to hold a plenary session soon to discuss the question of nationalities.

A highway checkpoint was hit by gunfire yesterday night and officers at another were fired on while going to check identity papers for an unlicensed truck, Tass reported without saying whether there were injuries.

Roving bands erected barriers on many roads and "bus connections between Stepanakert and other towns have been interrupted," Tass said.

The news agency also spoke of an upsurge in shootings. "Recent days have been marked by people firing hunting guns on towns," the report said.

Elsewhere, a mob destroyed a store and the airport dispatcher's office in Stepanakert, Tass said without elaborating.

Chinese seek to contain dissent

BEIJING, July 14, (AP): China today announced a campaign to wipe out "counter-revolutionary" and pornographic publications, while new executions and lengthy prison terms were reported in the government's drive to stifle popular dissent.

A foreign source in Chengdu, the capital of Sichuan Province, quoted local press reports as saying two men were executed on July 8 for their actions during riots in the city in early June.

The executions, which were not reported in the national press, brought to 29 the number of people known to have been put to death for disrupting social order since the June 3-4 military crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations in Beijing.

During the military crackdown, hundreds, perhaps thousands, of unarmed people were killed.

The state press and publications administration has decided to take tough new measures to weed out what it considers unhealthy publications, the official People's Daily newspaper said today.

It said publishers in recent years have "flooded the book market with low grade and vulgar material which contain violent murders and obscene pornography which have corrupted people's souls."

It added that books and periodicals to be investigated and removed from bookstalls include those with "counter-revolutionary and bourgeois liberalisation propaganda."

The Chinese government has blamed the June 3-4 violence on "counter-revolutionary rebels" trying to overthrow the socialist system. Since the crackdown, the government has detained or put under arrest warrants for dozens of the students and intellectuals who led the now-crushed pro-democracy movement.

Books by scholars now on nation-wide wanted lists have been banned, and culture ministry workers have raided private bookstalls to seize copies.

The administration said any bookseller or publisher who violates the regulations will be fined not less than five times the profit made.

The Chengdu source said the two executed men, Zhou Xiangcheng and Wang Guanyuan, were charged with "stealing, smashing, looting and burning," a call of crimes that China uses to cover rioting. Neither man was a student, he said.

The Chengdu riots of June 4-5 are believed to have been the most violent uprising to have occurred outside the capital. Up to 30 people were killed when people battled police, and half a city block was destroyed by fire.

More than 100 people were later arrested.

The source said the court which condemned the two men also gave another man a death sentence that could be commuted to life in prison if he shows appropriate behaviour for the next two years. In addition, it sentenced three others to life imprisonment, one of arson and two for "hoiologism."

Beijing Communist Party leaders have called for fresh efforts to isolate and smash remnants of the pro-democracy movement still active underground, official newspaper said today.

They told a mass meeting of party members from the city that "counter-revolutionary rebels" still threatened party rule. They also hinted at widespread resistance to the authorities' roundup of anti-government activists.

"Some counter-revolutionary elements are extremely arrogant, spreading rumours and poisoning minds. Some are still secretly organising and hoping to stage a comeback," Peking vice-party secretary and organisation chief Li Qiyuan told the meeting on Wednesday.

"The thorough mopping up of counter-revolutionary rebels vitally affects the life or death of the party and government and social stability," the Beijing daily quoted Li as saying.

The meeting appeared to indicate that the nation-wide roundup of rioters, leaders or illegal student and workers' unions and "plotters of rebellion" has so far failed to net many of its targets despite thousands of arrests.

British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe said yesterday that although Britain would give abode to some people from the private and public sectors in Hong Kong, he hoped that skilled professionals would remain in the colony after it reverts to Chinese rule in 1997.

Headhunters from hospitals and colleges wracked by staff shortages left yesterday from Hong Kong to heap more job offers on residents fearful of China's 1997 takeover.

China floods claim 740 casualties

BEIJING, July 14, (UPI): The casualty toll in severe flooding in China's central Sichuan province rose to 740 people dead and missing today as soldiers and paramilitary police joined local authorities in rescue efforts, provincial officials said.

Provincial radio in the capital, Chengdu, reported the floods have now affected 20 of the province's 22 cities and prefectures.

Troops and paramilitary police were deployed to rescue those trapped by rising flood waters, while the government evacuated others to hills and caves, said Guo Jialong, an official of the Sichuan Province Foreign Affairs Office, reached by telephone.

He said some transport and communication services which were paralysed by the floods have begun to operate again.

Guo said 740 people were either dead or missing and presumed dead in the floods and a landslide triggered by torrential rains that began July 7. Hundreds more have been injured.

The provincial radio earlier said 521 people were confirmed dead and 14 missing in the floods, excluding the toll in the landslide that occurred when a cliff collapsed on Monday near Huaying city in eastern Sichuan.

CID still registering fingerprints

Extensive procedures used to solve crime

THE director-general of the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) Colonel Saud Al Barjes has said that the CID project to re-register the fingerprints of all citizens and expatriates over 17 years old is still going on. He added that this project has so far been successful. 1,500,000 people have been registered so far, he said, and added that all of these fingerprints will

be entered into the computer in the near future according to instructions of the interior minister. Entering of fingerprints in the computer will help solve many previous crimes committed by unknown persons, Barjes said.

Section

He pointed out that the CID has opened two sections for crime detectives in Jahra and

Ahmadi governorates in order to facilitate a quick response so that the crime scene might be preserved intact thus aiding evidence.

Labs

These sections are also provided with the latest equipment and the officers there are ready to receive notification of crimes in the two governorates

round-the-clock, Barjes said. Barjes pointed out that the CID has modern criminal labs that examine the evidence of accidents and crimes by following the latest scientific methods. CID plays a distinctive role in introducing technical experience in all cases referred to it by courts, prosecution and investigation authorities and submit suitable reports on them. The

criminal labs are provided with specialised cadres in criminal research. The labs are using latest methods and equipment to recognise drugs, pharmaceuticals, paints and cosmetics used in crimes. These labs analyse all samples of materials that are suspected to be poisons or harmful materials which are referred to the CID by the Health Ministry, he added.

Kuwaiti youth learn pearl-diving skills

Expeditions from KSSC

KUWAIT, July 14, (AP): Young Kuwaitis are relearning the pearl diving skills on which their forefathers depended before oil was discovered in the northern Gulf state.

Veteran Kuwaiti seamen are teaching them the old ways of combing the oyster banks that lie on the seabed.

"We want to teach the young boys how Kuwait was built, how their fathers and grandfathers lived," said Hassan Rajab, a man of the sea for 40 years, who organises the Kuwait Sea Sports Club (KSSC) pearling expeditions.

Usually six big dhows and six smaller ones take 110 young men and boys on a two-week voyage of rediscovery.

Oil has brought Kuwait enormous wealth, and with it computers, fast cars, television, air-conditioning and other modern luxuries.

But despite these advantages, Rajab said in a recent interview: "All the goodness of the old life has gone. We're trying to bring it back again. We feel that lots of boys don't know what life was like before."

At the turn of the century, pearling was the Gulf's most important industry, involving an estimated 74,000 people and 4,500 boats.

More than 10,000 men worked in Kuwait's pearling fleet of 1,000 ships during the season between May and October.

The work was dangerous and exhausting. Lung diseases were common among the divers. Most lost their hearing after a few

seasons because of burst eardrums.

Crewmen got a share of the profits instead of a regular wage. A poor haul meant hard times for an entire community.

But the pearling industry collapsed suddenly in 1930, when the Japanese discovered how to produce cultured pearls.

After oil was discovered in Kuwait in 1938, pearl diving and trading was abandoned and a vital part of Kuwait's seafaring heritage virtually disappeared.

The Kuwait Sea Sports Club launched the pearling expeditions three years ago. The Amir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, a staunch supporter of preserving Kuwait's heritage, provided the dhows. The young divers offer him the pearls they find.

Unlike the old days, when fleets of pearling dhows and sambuks with crews of up to 50 men each, often including professional story-tellers and musicians to entertain the men, anchored over the pearl beds at night, Rajab's youngsters spend the days at sea and nights on the beach.

There is no modern equipment aboard the wooden fishing boats and dhows and youngsters use, no fancy navigational aids or scuba gear, just like it was in the old days.

The trip is not without its perils. There are sharks, sea urchins, and jelly fish to contend with. Storms and a blazing sun can also make life difficult.

But after two weeks, the boy feel "as though they can protect

themselves from any danger," Rajab said.

Ahmed Al Mejabl, 22, one of the young men on a recent expedition, said it wasn't easy, but worth the effort.

"I feel that the sea is running in my blood now," he said.

Not everyone stays the course. "The naughty boys, the weak boys, the lazy boys, are all sent away," Rajab said.

The divers' day starts at 4.30 am when Rajab wakes them with a blast of his whistle as they sleep on the beach.

The divers wash with salt water because fresh water is used for drinking then kneel for Muslim dawn prayers.

Breakfast is light, usually only tea and a biscuit.

The divers then prepare their boats and if the wind is good, all the dhows are in the water by 6 am and sail out about four miles (six kilometres).

The crew drops anchor. Before they dive into the turquoise waters of the Gulf, the boys slip a small net around their necks and loop a rope around one foot. The other is held by a "hauler" on board.

Every diver has his own hauler, who pulls him up. Pearl divers usually carry heavy stones, attached to a separate rope, to give them a rapid descent and save the air in their lungs to scoop up the oysters.

In pearling's heyday, a good diver could stay down for up to 40 or 50 seconds. Few could do more than a minute. Depending on the water, divers made as many as 50 plunges a day.



Pearl diving — the traditional way. (File picture)

Essential services continue at Eid

WORKING during week days is a normal duty, but working through the Eid holidays is a national calling which should not be evaded.

A local daily interviewed a number of employees on the onset of Eid Al Adha to ascertain their personal opinions on their concepts as to how it feels to work at a time when all the population are in fact enjoying a break.

Ezzat Ibrahim, an employee at the Control Room in the General Civil Aviation Department said to him Eid is an incentive to exert himself towards enhanced services to travellers.

He added that he works according to the shift system which requires employees to work during holidays to provide the general public with streamlined facilities at Kuwait's International Airport.

Bashar Al Balour another employee at Kuwait International Airport said that working through Eid holidays has become mandatory and he does feel he is contributing to the welfare of the public during these days.

The daily, also interviewed another section of employees. Mottaq Metab, a fire official said that their work aims at protecting life and property of individuals and that particularly during the Eid holidays, their services are even more in demand than during normal periods of the year.

Liquid fertilisers best for Kuwait plant growth: official

SCIENTIFIC researches conducted by PIC in co-operation with the agricultural experiments station of the Public Authority for Agriculture have confirmed that urea and liquid fertilisers are considered the best chemical fertilisers in Kuwait.

These offer the main nutrients for soil — basically nitrogen that gives the green colour for plants, phosphate that adds to the growth of roots and potassium that contributes to the resistance of diseases among plants.

Price

The high level of nitrogen fertiliser used by farmers is attributed to the increased percentage of nitrogen (46 per cent) in addition to the price being comparatively low.

PIC pays special concern to

the production of liquidised fertilisers and has built a plant in Shuaiba Industrial Area that can produce about 1,000 tons of this fertiliser annually. The plant operates on an 8-hour basis. The scope of increasing the production of this fertiliser, should the need arise, is three-fold — working 24-hour shift.

The liquidised fertiliser can be produced with different percentages of the main elements such as: nitrogen, phosphate and potassium — depending on the particular needs of a farmer's growth requirement, Abdul Bagi Al Nouri, chairman and managing director of Petrochemical Industries (PIC) said.

Nouri pointed out that PIC is seeking to produce other kinds of chemical fertilisers after undertaking economic feasibility studies on these industries. PIC has external joint projects of phosphate fertilisers in Tunisia and Turkey. Commenting on co-operation among the GCC states in this field, he said that GCC states established a joint company called the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (GPIC) which is owned equally by Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. The company is based in Bahrain and produces ammonia and methanol. Kuwait PIC markets all products of the GPIC in the international markets.

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Private sector employment for 20,000 Bahrainis

By Yaqub Razzaque
Arab Times staff

A MAJOR plan devised by the Ministry of Labour is expected to provide about 20,000 Bahraini nationals jobs in the private sector over the next five years.

According to the Director of Labour, Abdul Rahman Zayani, about 400 private companies will be ordered to recruit a certain number of Bahrainis every year during this period in a bid to boost employment to locals particularly in the private sector. A Labour Ministry committee has already identified the required number of companies to implement the programme and letters have been sent to 235 firms already while the rest will be notified over the next two months, said Zayani.

The letters contain the details of job classification as well as the number of Bahrainis to be employed in each category according to a timeschedule. The director added that the size of the companies, the nature of work and the aptitude and skills of nationals expected to take up the positions have been taken into consideration over the plan.

Zayani, however assured that although expatriate workers will not necessarily be replaced in these positions the designated firms will be ordered to recruit nationals and absorb them with positions, even if they have to be created, in the interest of the overall success of the programme.

In recent years the Bahraini government has been promoting a vigorous campaign on a wide national scale for 'Bahrainisation'.

He said during his stay in Budapest, he also had talks with the minister of economy on fostering closer ties between the two friendly states.

Interest

Rqobah pointed out that en route to Bonn, the second leg of the tour, he stopped over in Munich and visited the electric and electronic manufacturer Siemens to acquaint himself with the latest equipment.

Action Line

1) MY MAID wants to transfer to another employer when her one year contract expires later this year. I'm ready to release her, but I would like to know the procedure for the transfer, especially whether she needs to leave the country or can she transfer locally. She has been in Kuwait since 1983.

2) My maid is working part-time with my approval for another family. Now I'm told by some that this is illegal and that I might be fined, whereas others claim that this rule is for the private sector only. Could you please clarify.

TP

1. AS you may be aware, domestic servants (holding visa no. 20) are not covered by the labour law. The only document she needs is a release letter from the sponsor, in this case yourself, to seek a transfer of residence. The transfer can be done locally, at the nearest immigration department, if her next employer so desires. There is no need for her to leave the country. However, your presence may be required to complete the transfer of visa formalities.

2) It is illegal for a maid to work for someone other than her employer. Immigration rules do not permit domestic servants to work "part time", even with the approval of the sponsor. As she is breaking the immigration rules, she can be deported if the authorities discover her working for another family. The employer won't be fined but he would have to bear the cost of repatriating her, i.e. buy her air ticket to her country of origin.

MY DAUGHTER'S passport expires on Aug 8, 1989. Her residence permit, dependent visa, is valid until September 30, 1989. We renewed her passport in May 1989 and it is now valid until 1994. But the renewed passport is a separate booklet, attached to the original passport under seal and signature of the embassy.

My daughter is in India and will be returning to Kuwait in September. Will there be any problem for her to enter Kuwait as the residence is stamped on one passport even though a renewed passport is attached to it?

Is there the necessity to have the present residence stamped now on the new passport as well?

F.S.F.

QUERIES reveal that there should be no problem at the time of entry as the renewed passport has been sealed and stamped by the embassy. But if you wanted to be extra cautious, you could get the visa stamped in her new passport.

I HAVE obtained a new visa and would be changing my employer. I have to go back to my country and return on the new visa. My wife has her own working visa but my children are on my sponsorship. Will they be affected? Will the children have to go to India with me?

K. Singh

YOUR children, presumably, have a valid residence permit, in which case they are allowed to stay in Kuwait. However, if their visas have expired, they would have to return with you.

After your return on a new visa, and complete your visa formalities, you must make the needed changes with the concerned authorities.

I AM working as a housemaid. I will complete my two year contract term by the end of this year. My mother is likely to undergo a major surgery in October this year. As she takes care of my children, when she is hospitalised, my presence would be essential. So, I would like to be home two months before my contract expires. My employer may allow a short holiday but if my presence is needed for a longer period, and in the meantime, the residence permit expires, can I come to Kuwait on a new visa with another employer?

Rani

IF YOUR employers allow you to go on vacation before the contract ends, then there should be no problem. You must also inform your employers that you may overstay in your country.

According to the immigration rules, a person's visa is automatically cancelled if he or she stays outside Kuwait for a period of six months. In such cases, a person can return to Kuwait, provided they have a new visa. If they leave Kuwait and there is a case pending against him or her, such persons would be arrested at the airport on entry. If you want to return, you must make sure there is no legal action against you.

If you desire to return, you can, provided someone is willing to sponsor you and has obtained another visa for you.

I'M the second wife of my husband. His first wife and children live in his country. Since 1976, when I married him, I've led a happy life. His first wife knows about me and we share everything. But now my husband has begun seeing another woman, who claims he is her husband. This is not true. I don't want my husband to get into trouble but I would like to have that woman punished. Please advise me. I don't want that woman to break two families.

Mrs Z.

YOUR's is a personal problem, Mrs Z. Although what your husband is doing amounts to a crime, there is no way to punish the woman without punishing your husband as well. If you inform the authorities, they would take action against both the man and the woman. If he has really married the other woman, there is nothing against that, as a Muslim is allowed to take four wives. We suggest you discuss the situation with your husband in a calm manner; surely he must know he can't take care of three families. Perhaps, a little friendly persuasion would help in solving your problem.

I CAME to Kuwait in early 1988 on a two-year contract, which expires in February 1990. I'd like to know if the two months' paid vacation is before or after 24 months.

The new law implemented in March this year states that an employee should serve one employer for a period of at least three years. Does this mean that our contract would be extended for the third year automatically without our consent or will our employer ask us to extend the contract? Is it possible for us not to sign the extended contract, if we choose? In case our employer agree and does not extend our contract, will our present residence permit be cancelled and will be sent back to our native country?

L. Victoria

THE two months' paid leave would be allotted in accordance with the term of the contract. You'll have to refer to the contract to see what it says.

A contract is not automatically extended for one more year to meet the terms stated in the new rules implemented in March this year. Actually, the new rules say that if a person wants to change his job, he cannot unless he has served for at least three years with one employer. If you are on a two-year contract, it would end in February 1990, unless extended with the knowledge and consent of both parties: the employee and the employer.

A contract will not be extended unless your services are required for a further period of one year. If you don't want to extend the contract you have the right to refuse an extension. In this case, your visa will be cancelled and you'll be sent back to your country of origin.

IN THE summer of 1987, my contract with my employers was due to expire. I was asked if I'd like to return home. I requested them to extend my contract until December that year. Later, I agreed to extend my contract by two years if my employers gave me cash in lieu of the to and fro air ticket. Most Kuwait employers do this when helpers stay for another term. Then my employer said they'll spend KD300 for my plane ticket and hotel accommodation when I go to Turkey, which they requested me to visit to look after their children. I agreed. In the summer of 1988, I told them I'd like to go home. But they told me they won't provide my plane ticket, as agreed.

Was I really responsible for paying the plane ticket and accommodation for going to Turkey? I was against going with them for a vacation but went because of the children who didn't have someone to look after them. I've discussed the matter with both of them but they stood by their word. I read your column on June 26, stating that employers should provide ticket to their helpers every two years. Does this apply to my case?

Dolores

YOU'VE misread the sentence regarding payment of air tickets to domestic helpers in the Legal Clinic (AT June 26). Actually, Mr. Khaled Taher had said that it was "customary" for employers to provide air ticket to (helpers) every two years. It's a common practice and not made mandatory by any law.

It's difficult to make judgements, without knowing the right circumstances. However, if you were asked to accompany them to "look after their children", then the cost of the journey must be borne by them. The question is: Did you agree to give up the right to an air ticket to return home when you agreed to accompany your employers to Turkey? If you did, you can't ask them for the ticket twice, however, unfair it may seem to you.

An employer is not obliged by any law. He or she has to show compassion and humanitarian concern for a person who works in their home, which some employers do, and as such pay the to and fro air ticket to helpers. Perhaps, you should request them again. As you have worked for them for over five years, they may reconsider their decision.

I AM residing in Kuwait on a domestic visa. I have obtained a new job; my employer will get a work permit for me. I'll have to leave the country and re-enter Kuwait. But I have some doubts. Please clarify:

1) Before leaving Kuwait, do I have to cancel my present residence? How long will be allowed to stay from the date of cancellation of my residence?

2) Is it necessary to return to my country?

3) Can I come to Kuwait if my employer makes a PTA and says I can take the "visa on arrival"?

M. Kanna

1) YOU have to cancel your present residence permit before departure. You have to approach the Ministry of Interior, Department of Immigration, and submit an application for cancellation. A person who gets an exit permit is normally given between 10 days and a month to wind up his affairs in Kuwait.

2) The law says a person has to return to his country of origin. However, your employer can make an alternate arrangement, saying that you would be exiting to the nearest port and re-entering Kuwait.

3) If he gives you a PTA saying you'll receive the visa at the time of arrival, you can arrive at the airport and proceed with the formalities after entering Kuwait.

A promissory note was signed between two parties in the presence of two witnesses. It's written in English. Is it valid in Kuwait?

(Name not supplied)

YES, it is valid; to be admissible in a court of law, all documents must be translated into Arabic, this applies to the promissory note as well.

If you have a problem and need advice drop in a line to Action Line, Arab Times, P.O. Box 2270, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or Fax your questions to us on 4847495.

Science club to participate at French fair

KUWAIT, July 14, (KUNA): A delegation of the Kuwait Science Club will participate in the Second International Sciences Fair to be held in the French city of Brest July 16-24.

An official source of the delegation Amir Ahmed Mohammed told KUNA that the expenses of the delegation's participation would be covered by His Highness the Amir.

He added that the delegation headed by Sheikh Sabah

Homoud Al Salman Al Sabah will leave tomorrow to take part in the fair and to exhibit scientific inventions and products in this fair in which 72 countries are taking part.

He added that Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, Tunisia, Algeria, Lebanon and Egypt are among the Arab and foreign countries that will participate in the fair.

He added that the delegation will participate in the inter-

national contest that will be held at the fair by three new scientific programmes, the first is the solar telescope, the second is on robotics and the third is a programme on mathematics.

The science club will also participate in the meetings of the International Scientific Institute in France and will be represented by deputy board chairman Adnan Al Mair and the secretary-general Dawoud Al Ahmed during the fair.

Rqobah expresses satisfaction at outcome of European tour

BONN, July 14, (KUNA): Kuwaiti Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Abdullah Al Rqobah has expressed satisfaction at the positive outcome of his current European tour, which yesterday took him from West Germany to Australia.

In an exclusive interview with KUNA, the minister said his visit to Hungary, the first leg of the tour, had been at the official invitation of his Hungarian counterpart for talks on boosting bilateral links in the fields of

power and water.

He said during his stay in Budapest, he also had talks with the minister of economy on fostering closer ties between the two friendly states.

Interest

Rqobah pointed out that en route to Bonn, the second leg of the tour, he stopped over in Munich and visited the electric and electronic manufacturer Siemens to acquaint himself with the latest equipment.

The Kuwaiti official said in Bonn, he had talks with the Federal Minister of Economy, Dr Helmut Haussmann who showed a great interest in consolidating economic ties with Kuwait.

According to Rqobah he and the German minister discussed avenues of increasing bilateral links particularly in the industrial field.

Scientific co-operation between West German universities

and the Ministry of Scientific Research on one hand, and the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research on the other, also came up in the talks.

Agreement

Rqobah pointed out that he had signed a scientific co-operation agreement with West Germany in the fields of solar energy and greenhouses when he served as director-general of Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research two years ago.

Rqobah expressed admiration at power control systems during his visit, last Tuesday, to the city of Dortmund.

The Kuwaiti official indicated that he wants to broaden co-operation with West Germany to include petrochemicals and other fields.

High-performance training for Kuwaiti technicians is a prime target of future co-operation with Federal Germany, the minister concluded.

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Kuwait celebrates Eid Al Adha

KUWAIT and the entire Muslim world Thursday celebrated Eid Al Adha (Sacrificial Feast) by offering prayers and slaughtering sheep.

The slaughter of sheep is designed to remind all Muslims of the need for sacrifice. Translated, this ritual slaughter is distributed to the needy families and denotes Muslim charity to those who have been less fortunate than the donor.

HH the Amir offered Eid prayers at the State Grand Mosque in downtown Kuwait. HH was joined by HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, other ministers and senior state officials.

Following the prayers, HH the Amir and entourage headed to the Sief Palace where HH received well-wishers.

HH the Amir then headed to Al Sharq area to return felicitations on the happy occasion.

Eid is an occasion celebrated the world over by all Muslims—irrespective of their social standing in society. The gestures of brotherhood and felicitations exchanged during this auspicious occasion are clearly evident in public. This Eid, Kuwait slaughtered over 80,000 sheep, according to officials count. Those that have been slaughtered privately and distributed to the needy cannot be accounted for. It is customary of many Muslims not to publish their acts of charity. Eid is an occasion that is looked forward to both by those in power and others not so fortunate to praise the designs of Allah.



A young boy looks upset knowing his pet would soon be led to slaughter.



HH the Amir receiving well wishers at Sief Palace.



Leading the sheep to slaughter...



...and completing the sacrifice.



Expatriates greeting each other after Eid prayers. Photos by Javed Basra

Plants sales up Greenery plan in full swing

OWNERS and employees at the plants nurseries said that the call given by HH the Amir for afforestation and implementing Kuwait's "Greenery Plan" has increased the purchase volume of plants. They said that most people opt for buying indoor plants, particularly those which do not require much care. They added that a large number of their customers are old ladies. Men usually opt for garden (outdoor) plants while ladies insist on buying indoor plants. They said that some of their outdoor plants are cultivated in Kuwait while the rest are imported from countries like Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and others. Indoor plants are usually imported from Holland, South America and Southeast Asia.

Abdul Rahman Mustafa, an agricultural engineer and owner of a nursery at Al Rai area, where most of the nurseries are located, said that the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources helps them by supplying pesticides and other forms of assistance. He added that the call given by HH the Amir for afforestation has remarkably increased the number of customers.

Sales
Mohammad Dawas, another nursery owner, said that sales of plants are adversely affected during long holidays and summer vacation. But he said that the number of customers increases on Thursdays and Fridays. He proposed that plants should be supplied to government houses before they are distributed to citizens to attract the public attention to plants and landscaping.

Farouq Abboushi said that agricultural engineers look after

the plants in the nursery to ensure they grow in the proper way. He said that sales increase in winter. However, some customers do not take proper care of plants and depend upon maids and children for irrigation which usually results in the death of plants.

The Ministry of Electricity and Water has agreed to provide electrical current to their nurseries and the project is expected to be ready after two months.

An amount of KD19 million has been allotted for the "Greenery Plan" project envisaged. The plan was the result of an Amiri desire to increase Kuwait's green lands, establish gardens, national parks, afforest streets, roads, public squares and private and government buildings and to maintain the planted areas with the effective participation of citizens.

Among the approved projects is one concerned with the preparation of a main and strategic greenery plan for the medium term (1990-1995) and long-term (1995-2005).

Guidelines for the main plan and establishment of the overall framework to direct the course of landscaping projects to ensure the compatibility of the short-term plan with future plans, has been established.

The Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources is the party responsible for implementing greenery projects. It undertakes studies to select landscaping plants, developing agricultural practices and studying range management and re-vegetation of desert areas.

The Supreme Committee for the Afforestation of Kuwait, in charge of implementing the Amiri Greenery Plan.

Pharmacist insurance proposed

By Mahmoud Morsal

THE director of the Pharmaceutical Services Department at the Ministry of Public Health, Dr Abdullah Assad urged pharmacists in Kuwait to join in personal and professional insurance programmes. He also urged them to conduct regular self-evaluation for technical, professional and service capabilities and skills rendered by them.

In an interview with a local daily, Assad pointed out that this profession in Kuwait has witnessed a heightened pace of development during the past few years which called for a review of academic programmes at pharmacy colleges including new advancements in the field. He said that it has now become necessary to re-organise professional duties of pharmacists at different locations to be commensurate with actual requirements for health services.

Publications
He invited pharmacists to take part in activities related to the formation of health services, plans and programmes on the rationalisation of spending and other programmes through participating in concerned committees.

The Self-Evaluation Guide for Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Services prepared by the Pharmaceutical Services Department at the Ministry of Public Health is only the beginning of a number of other publications which will be published later on. Other publications include the Guide on the Quality of Pharmaceutical Production and the Field Training Programme for Pharmacists.

The Self-Evaluation Guide for Pharmacists and Pharmaceutical Services published by the department includes descriptions for different activities. It is a guide that could be used in the evaluation of pharmacists' abilities and could be utilised in organising pharmaceutical services. Assad considered this guide as an assistance to indicate the level of pharmaceutical services which will have positive effects to enhance service. The guide will also help in designing training programmes designated for different levels of trainees.

The department will regularly review the guide in order to provide new information and field expertise. Duties of pharmacists at hospitals should be coordinated with those of doctors to obtain optimum benefits, the official said.

Holiday season compounds recession: traders

No buying spree this Eid

TRADERS at the various markets in Kuwait have complained that recession that has been hitting the local market has been compounded by the travel season. Thousands of Kuwaitis and expatriates left the country to spend their summer vacation outside Kuwait. Traders, who consider Eid an important opportunity to sell goods said that there are not too many people present in the market.

The traders faced another dilemma during the Eid. They

said that summer will be gone very soon and thus they have to get rid of their summer goods, particularly garments. Traders willing to sell summer goods must thus make good offers. An overall reduction in prices is evident, they said.

A cloth merchant, Khaled Al Awadi said that there was no price hike on the Eid. We simply wanted to utilise the Eid buying spree to get rid of most of the summer clothes, Awadi added.

He said that on the contrary, we some times offer reductions in order to attract the buyers to buy more than one piece. A shoe trader was disappointed with this year's business during the Eid. He said that although people preparing to travel buy more, this year sales have been much below expectations.

Explaining reasons for the recession, the trader said that the problem is that this is the second Eid which comes only two months after Eid Al Fitr (after

Ramadan). Thus, most of the customers buy their requirements of clothes and shoes on Eid Al Fitr and majority of them do not repeat this on the Eid Al Adha.

But this was not the case with the sweets and pastries market. Traders of sweets, a commodity that is in demand on all feasts, said that they were doing good business for the Eid. They denied any increases in the prices on the occasion of the Eid. They added

that most people buy at least one type of sweet. About why prices differ from one shop to another, one trader said that it is because some owners are greedy and want to make more profits.

Traders of toys and games, also a common commodity on Eid, did good business but were still not satisfied. One trader said that their sales dropped by half compared to similar occasions, mostly due to the exodus of population availing of the week long Eid holidays.

Nuclear medicine used in early cancer detection

NUCLEAR medicine is a relatively new field which witnessed rapid developments after the second World War. Kuwait is one amongst advanced Arab countries in this field. Nuclear medicine in Kuwait originated in late 1960's through a small anti-cancer unit which was then expanded to other centres at Mubarak Hospital and the Chest Diseases Hospital.

Dr Husain Abdul Dayem, professor and head of the Nuclear Medicine Section at Kuwait University Medical College pointed out that the practice of nuclear medicine depends on three important factors. These include the production of radioactive isotopes, the availability of radiation receiving devices like the Gamma camera and the Gamma counter and the availability of computers specially programmed to store data. Additionally, the preparation of chemical compounds which have the ability to be at different concentrations inside the human body analysed with the development of nuclear medicine.

Diagnosis

Regarding radioactive isotopes, Dayem pointed out that the use of such isotopes started nearly 40 years ago through nuclear reactors. Dayem said that in order to feel the applications of radioactive isotopes in the field of medicine, one of the nuclear elements centre produced 100 times the amount of a specific radioactive isotope in the world, according to statistics conducted in 1957. The idea of applying radioactive isotopes depends on the characteristics of these isotopes which gives the human body the opportunity to react and accept these compounds.

Doctors are able to track the flow of isotopes inside the human body which assist in diagnosing patients more accurately and prescribing an effective course of treatment.

Dayem added that the theory behind applying radioactive isotopes in finding the condition of a specific human organ depends on giving the body this element with higher concentrations than the blood flow. The existence of such isotopes inside an organ always send special radioactive waves which are then received by specific devices and analysed.

He stressed that nuclear medicine could more accurately and in a shorter duration detect the condition of a sick human organ compared to conventional methods. Testing ordinary X-ray pictures of human organs require a minimum of ten days before diagnoses. Testing with radioactive isotopes gives quicker and most accurate results.

Services

Regarding the level of nuclear medicine services in Kuwait compared with advanced countries, Dayem said that treatment with nuclear medicine in Kuwait is being presented to public according to modern standards free of charge. The same treatment applied in the United States of America may cost patients up to \$1200 per session. He pointed out that Kuwait has participated with research at international conferences and was granted the golden award. Kuwait University among four other universities in the world is accredited with obtaining this distinction.

Advanced research has been conducted in the treatment of cancer through the use of radioactive isotopes. Tests conducted in this regard proved to be more accurate through the injection of new radioactive isotopes. Dayem said that research in this field is still under development, but initial results showed positive effects. He predicted that Kuwait in the future will witness enhanced use of nuclear medicine in diagnosing diseases and the treatment of cancer.

Drug addiction leads to crime: psychologist

Young should be protected

DRUG related crimes have been on the increase during the past two decades and are a priority item on the agenda of world authorities.

Particular attention is being focused on addressing the pitfalls of this menace in youth. The younger generation is considered a prime and easy target by drug barons.

The increasing "affluence, — jetset lifestyle" and a more complacent attitude of society towards delinquency have all contributed towards the phenomenal rise in the use of drugs and their consequent representation on the crime rate.

Psychological specialists are viewing the addiction issue with a large degree of concern and fear. Fear in the sense that they feel the menace is growing and are at a loss to address the vital causes.

A local daily interviewed the psychological and addiction treatment specialist at the Psychiatry Hospital, Dr Ali Abdul Rahman Al Howail. Howail divided addiction into two categories. Physical and mental addiction which he said is an international classification on addiction. The two types of addictions are in reality connected to each other. When an addict suddenly stops taking narcotics or drugs it leads to physical withdrawal symptoms such as epilepsy and spasms which may cause vital body systems like the heart and the breathing system to stop working and could lead to death. The other aspect of addiction may cause great physical sufferings both to the addict and his family.

Confidence

Howail said that addicts may at the beginning feel that these drugs give them strength or decrease their physical pains. This misplaced confidence becomes a habit and an addict is created. The body then starts to weaken in resistance and in time collapses. The need then will be directed towards increased dosages and other kinds of drugs. Addicts then turn towards ulterior methods to sustain their craving for the drug.

Howail added that it is important to point out that there are some types of narcotics which will lead to addiction and are called addictives. Such narcotics are the main cause for the spread of diseases like the AIDS virus.

He pointed out that addiction represents the highest percentage of the cause of crimes like rape and stealing, in addition to behavioural, health, and mental inferiority leading to family dissolutions. These dangers may be extended to coming generations compounding the problem.

According to scientific research conducted on addictions, individuals coming from families where a parent is an addict are more exposed to addiction than others.

Howail said that there are several reasons leading to addiction, but the sense of insecurity, loneliness, a lack of self esteem are main factors. He added that the other factor, the financial factor makes it easier for affluent addicts to obtain narcotics.

He stated that a good use of leisure time and directing oneself to beneficial hobbies are important in building a strong personality assuring that an individual will not fall victim to the drug scourge.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Patrol commands

PATROL commands at Ahmadi Governorate have been established to reduce pressure on police centres and to alleviate the workload of other security authorities.

In an interview with the internal magazine of Ministry of the Interior (Dakhliya) the commander of police patrols at Ahmadi Governorate Major Mohammed Al Qahitani, said that patrols work three shifts a day. These patrols are connected with the operations room of the command through wireless communications.

Patrols liaise with all authorities and provide feed back on any pertinent security issue, the official said.

Four killed in collision

A non-Kuwaiti, and his three sons, died Tuesday after his pick-up was involved in a multi-car collision on the coastal road off the Sulaibikhat area. The collision also involved a jeep and two other cars whose drivers sustained injuries. The four victims died on the spot.

Pilgrims to begin leaving soon

ABOUT 1,467,000 pilgrims stood at Mount Arafat on Wednesday. Saudi official sources announced. The Saudi Public Statistics Department said that about 775,000 pilgrims came from outside Saudi Arabia. In a newsletter released by the department, it said that the number of

pilgrims from Saudi Arabia, Saudis and expatriates, was 692,000, who included 487,000 males and 205 females. It added that 92,234 vehicles were used for the transportation of pilgrims between the holy shrines around Makkah.

Meanwhile, pilgrims spent

their second day at Mina area, near Makkah yesterday. They began throwing stones (Jamarat) in the evening. Part of the pilgrims will spend another two days before starting to leave the holy places, while some of them will start leaving today.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

A SIMPLE life is its own reward — George Santayana, Spanish poet-philosopher (1863-1952).

NATO proposal to curb air power

More pressure on Moscow

A NEW proposal to curb East-West military air power means NATO is now firmly dictating to Moscow the pace of conventional disarmament after months on the diplomatic defensive, alliance officials say.

But they are uncertain how the Soviet Union will react to the ambitious NATO proposal, set out at East-West talks in Vienna on Thursday.

The plan would mean the Soviet Union scrapping thousands more aircraft than the West across an area stretching from the Atlantic to the Soviet Ural mountain range.

Some officials said the complexity of the issue now confronting negotiators from the 23 NATO and Warsaw Pact member countries made it unlikely a treaty could be signed in 12 months, as US President George Bush proposed last May.

"Our proposal gives them (Moscow) a lot to think about over the summer recess. The question is whether they can go along with its scope and the numbers," said one alliance official.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organisation allies, meeting the six Pact countries in Vienna for the last time before the recess, proposed sweeping cuts to thousands of fighter planes and battlefield helicopters held by the two camps in Europe.

The cuts in air power proposed by NATO expand negotiations already under way to reduce numbers of tanks and other heavy battlefield equipment. The Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks, which will resume on Sept 7, will also cut troop levels.

The NATO proposal calls for each military bloc to reduce its land-based combat aircraft on the continent to 5,700 and its combat helicopters to 1,900, including training aircraft and those held in storage.

According to NATO, this would represent a 15 per cent cut in numbers of aircraft held by the Western allies but reductions of well over 50 per cent by the Soviet Union and its Pact allies.

In a clause aimed specifically at curbing Soviet air power, NATO said no single country would be able to hold more than 3,420 combat aircraft or 1,140 combat helicopters in the negotiating area.

The Bush proposal last May which greatly accelerated the timetable for the CFE talks is widely seen as having wrested the arms control initiative back from Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, who had thrown NATO on the defensive with a flurry of disarmament moves.

Diplomats said NATO's determination to work out a common position on aircraft in time for a July 13 deadline showed alliance resolve to maintain the momentum set by Bush and keep the pressure on Moscow.

NATO cast broad definition of combat aircraft that encompasses all types of plane that can carry out offensive operations or can be quickly converted to execute such missions.

Officials foresaw likely Soviet opposition to the inclusion of planes which Moscow says have a purely defensive role but which NATO says are fighter interceptors which must be encompassed in any agreement.

"According to our definition, if it looks like a plane that can shoot we want it in the negotiations," said one official.

Given the mobility of aircraft, verification measures to stop any party to the treaty cheating will be especially complex — the more so since a high number of aircraft would be left on each side under NATO's vision of the treaty. (Brussels — Reuters)

Quote me

"Root, you really did it this time." — Kathy Root's message to her husband, Thomas Root, a pilot who survived a plane crash into the Atlantic Ocean.

"Today we should all clasp each other's hands and stand up to internal and external counter-revolution and arrogance and not let anyone encroach on this revolution." — Ahmad Khomeini said after a final eulogy of 40 day mourning period of late Ayatollah Khomeini.

"They know exactly what we say, what we want, they know... our views and we try to understand and to know the views and opinions of the American government. If they want to send some delegation, some envoys, we will always welcome them." — Yitzhak Shamir said about US plans to send a delegation to Israel.

"Whatever he does now, he is going to become a mere mortal, capable of major errors, but with the potential for spectacular success." — Prof. Robert Schrire, a Cape Town political scientist said about Nelson Mandela.

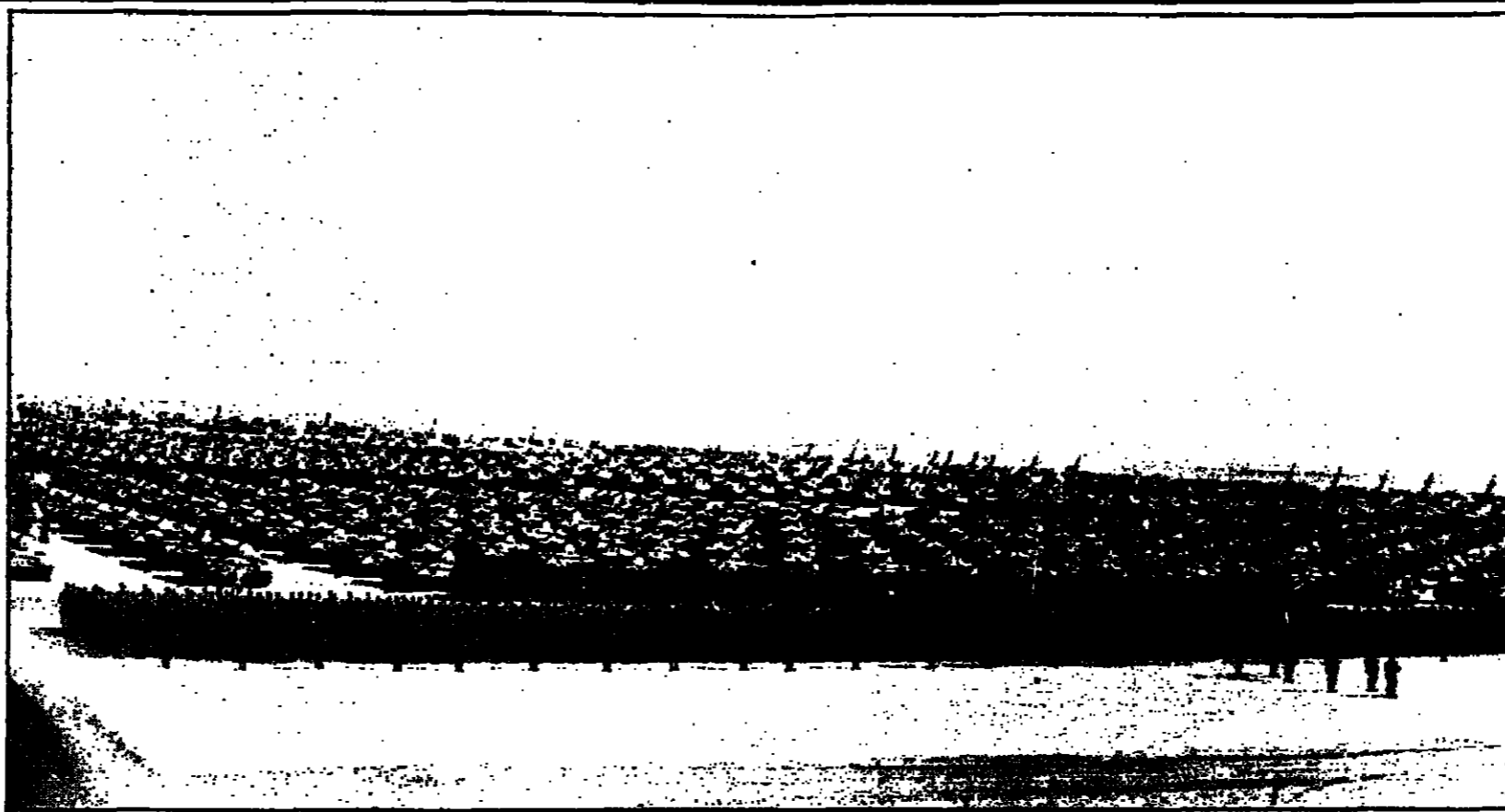
"Until there is an agreement, there is no agreement. We are ready to do it, if necessary, to complete an agreement." — John Sununu, White House Chief of Staff said about Bush's plan to unveil an agreement at the economic summit.

"It is necessary to face life, to go into life. Whoever doesn't have the strength, whoever cannot find his place, let him leave." — Mikhail Gorbachev said in a speech to the communist party.

"All the goodness of old life has gone. We are trying to bring again. We feel that lots of boys don't know what life was like before." — Hassan Rajab, a Kuwaiti man who spent 40 years in the sea and organised Kuwait Sea Sports club for pearling, said during an interview.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1601 — Austria's Archduke Albert, with Spanish force, begins siege of Ostend.
- 1685 — Duke of Monmouth is beheaded in England for his part in rebellion.
- 1789 — France's King Louis XVI is awakened and told that his authority has collapsed with the fall of the Bastille.
- 1801 — France and papacy sign concordat whereby French ecclesiastics are to be appointed by government and merely confirmed by pope.
- 1822 — Turkish invasion of Greece begins, and Turks overrun peninsula north of Gulf of Corinth but later are forced to retreat.
- 1857 — British women and children, taken by Indians at Kanpur in India, are murdered.
- 1893 — Matabele stage uprising against rule of British South Africa Company.
- 1909 — Mohammed Ali, Shah of Persia, is deposed in favour of Sultan Ahmed Shah, age 12.
- 1945 — Italy declares war on Japan, its former axis partner, in World War II.
- 1948 — UN Security Council orders truce in Palestine.
- 1958 — United States dispatches troops to Lebanon at request of President Chamoun; South Africa resumes full membership in United Nations.
- 1965 — US Mariner IV spacecraft sends to Earth first closeup photographs of planet Mars.
- 1974 — Greek officers of army in Cyprus oust Archbishop Makarios from presidency.
- 1975 — America's Apollo and Soviet Union's Soyuz spacecraft blast into orbit for rendezvous in space.
- 1988 — Afghan rebels blast capital city of Kabul with rockets, killing 20 people and wounding 24 others.



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Mubarak embarks on military reform

Cutting down on Egyptian clout

EGYPT'S President Hosni Mubarak has embarked on one of the toughest tests of his eight-year rule — quietly curbing the clout and the cost of the military.

Cairo-based foreign defence analysts say the process has been characterised by Mubarak's cautious style of leadership.

The long-term aim, the analysts say, is to cut military spending and make defence policy more accountable to the civilian leadership, but without harming the troops' morale.

"If the cuts are not apparent to everyone this year," said one defence specialist, "they will emerge in three or four years' time. But don't expect any public announcements."

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Traditionally, that influence has been wielded indirectly.

In contrast with some other Arab states, the Egyptian officer corps has been disinclined to involve itself in politics, or seize power and impose its views by force.

Senior commanders pride themselves on their professionalism and loyalty to the constitution — qualities that seem not to have been corroded by reliance on foreign arms and funds.

Yet the military has had a "king-making" function, furnishing successive heads of state, from Gamal Abdel Nasser to the present day. Mubarak was himself an Air Force pilot.

That may change, the analysts suggest, as Mubarak slowly edges Egypt towards a market economy in which the state is more of a junior partner than dominant partner on social advancement.

More immediately, Egypt is trying to cut a ballooning budget deficit by raising revenue and cutting public spending.

Military costs are kept secret, but diplomats say the armed forces have absorbed about a quarter of state spending in recent years and accumulated debts of about \$8 billion, both to the United States and the Soviet Union.

The armed forces' role as bulwark against external aggression will stay, although the threat from the traditional foe — Israel — has diminished since the signing of the 1979 peace treaty.

Danger

Even so, the Army's deployment indicates Israel is still seen as the main danger, and the possession of powerful armed forces a spur to diplomatic efforts to persuade the Jewish state to solve the Arab-Israeli dispute peacefully.

Of the Army's 520,000 troops, more than 100,000 are formed into two field armies in the east, along the Suez Canal.

These are backed by the central military zone around Cairo, including special ranger battalions, airborne troops and a mechanised brigade devoted to protecting the presidency.

Ultimately, the analysts agree, the key to achieving a credible deterrence is in the air, and despite possession of F-16 fighters it would take many years before Egypt could match Israel in air power.

The military is also Egypt's weapon of last resort in the event of massive civil unrest or an attempted insurrection.

Analysts say what is likely to change is the financial burden imposed by the military on a country trying to throw off the evils of over-spending and low productivity.

Also to be gradually curtailed is the independence of an organisation widely considered until a few months ago to be a state-within-a-state, with its own farms and factories.

In terms of accountability, Mubarak moved firmly last April by removing Field Marshal Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala from his post as defence minister and replacing him with Youssef Sabri Abu Taleb, a Mubarak loyalist and skilled administrator.

Abu Ghazala was popular in the military and beyond. He had turned a clumsy, Soviet-style juggernaut of poorly-trained conscripts into a modern force equipped with high-tech US arms.

But in the process he created what many saw as a separate empire, with a secret budget and an economic life of its own.

The analysts say Abu Taleb — out of uniform for eight years and hence an outsider — has orders to review defence projects and end the military's isolation from Egypt's economic strategy.

Some analysts believe the switch in defence chiefs was marked by a profound difference in economic philosophy between Mubarak's supporters and Abu Ghazala's followers.

One Western ambassador said Abu Taleb's appointment as defence minister was a stroke of brilliance on Mubarak's part, for it brought the military firmly under presidential control.

Defence experts say military spending is still under close scrutiny, from plans to buy second-hand submarines for the Navy to co-production of the US Abrams M-1A1 battle tank.

Some analysts add that the pace of change will be carefully regulated and closely guarded — largely to avoid any backlash or diminution of the military's esprit de corps. (Cairo — Reuters)

Ireland faces austere route to prosperity

CHARLES HAUGHEY, battered and bruised by a month-long political crisis, now faces four tough years convincing the Irish that austerity is the way to prosperity.

Haughey in Gaelic means horseman. After four weeks of hectic horse-trading, he has certainly lived up to his name.

Forced to jockey for position with his arch enemy after calling a snap election that badly backfired on him, "the great survivor" swallowed his pride and formed a coalition with the Progressive Democrats (PD) on Wednesday.

Beside him at the cabinet table as the new industry minister is PD leader Desmond O'Malley who left Haughey's Fianna Fail Party four years ago in a bitter personality clash but was fulsome in praise of his new-found partner on returning to power.

With the tiny six-seat PD party also winning the energy portfolio, one Fianna Fail backbencher growled in Churchillian tones: "Never in the history of Irish politics has so much been given by so many to so few."

The historic team — this is Fianna Fail's first coalition in its 63-year history — bluntly warned the Irish that belt-tightening was the name of the game until 1993.

Ireland has a mountainous national debt of 25 billion pounds (\$38 billion), one in five are jobless and up to 30,000 youngsters "vote with their feet" every year and emigrate to Britain, North America and Australia.

"Hair shirt" economics is the solution, Haughey argues. Stringent state spending cuts will have to be maintained and he warned deputies: "Public expenditure restraint will remain essential for a long time to come."

But Haughey has tried to sweeten the pill. The target, he said, is to reduce the basic rate of income tax from 32 to 25 per cent by 1993. The corporate sector may help finance the cuts and tax evaders will be pounced on, he said.

Haughey pledged to tackle hospital waiting lists — one of the issues that sparked such voter ire in the June 15 election — and also vowed to review Army pay. Three wives of disgruntled soldiers stood unsuccessfully as independents in the election.

Ironically, Haughey also offered hampers of one million pounds (\$1.5 million) compensation for being infected with the AIDS virus by contaminated blood supplies.

A row over the AIDS fund provoked the sixth defeat in parliament for Haughey's minority govern-

ment and sparked the election that proved to be such a lamentable miscalculation.

Clearly the 63-year-old Haughey, a politician of doubted charisma who the Irish either love or hate, would like to go down in history as the man who put Ireland's economy to rights.

To him, the two great evils in Ireland are unemployment and emigration.

Haughey is also a diehard Republican who has branded the British-ruled province of Northern Ireland as unviable.

The north very nearly destroyed his career in 1970 when he was charged with conspiring to smuggle arms to nationalist guerrillas. Though acquitted, he was forced to resign as finance minister. By 1979, he had clambered back as prime minister.

When Desmond O'Malley angrily quit Fianna Fail in 1985, he said of Haughey's gun-runner trial: "Mr Haughey acted very, very unwisely at that time."

Asked if he was worried about Haughey being a suitable candidate to hold office, he replied: "That concern has never left me."

Back in the fold on Wednesday after exacting a very high price for his support, O'Malley said of Haughey: "He possesses skill and courage in abundance." (Reuters — Dublin)

Bush highlights discord in Soviet bloc

US President George Bush's foray into communist Eastern Europe highlighted quarrels between reformers and conservatives which are threatening the bloc's unity as never before.

Bush completed his tour of Poland and Hungary yesterday with a clear message to all Eastern European countries: take the road to reform and the United States will lead a concerted Western effort to promote freedom and prosperity in your lands.

The message was encouraging for the reforming leaderships in Warsaw and Budapest, but it provoked scorn and anger in hardline Czechoslovakia and Romania, which together with East Germany and Bulgaria are resisting political change.

The Romanian newspaper Romania Libera said: "It is quite obvious that President Bush is urging the destabilisation of socialist countries and interference in their domestic affairs."

In Czechoslovakia, the Slovak daily Pravda said: "Even the modest financial aid promised by Bush is aimed at supporting the ideas and values declared by the United States. Money will go mainly to support the private sector and political pluralism."

For Hungary and Poland, the significance of Bush's visit lay less in economic matters than in the powerful symbolism of the leader of Western world standing on their soil and declaring support for their freedom.

"This visit is an event of historical significance not only as regards the

development of Hungarian-American relations but also from the point of view of the reforms of European socialist countries," Hungarian Politburo member Imre Pozsgay said.

Gyorgy Kadar of the opposition Hungarian Democratic Forum said: "We are the natural allies of the United States and the President's declarations here could strengthen the independent forces in this country."

The parliamentary leader of Poland's opposition Solidarity movement, Bronislaw Geremek, said of Bush: "The words which he spoke, that the United States will support the reforms taking place in Poland, are the words that we are hoping for."

Bush pledged little hard cash for Poland and Hungary, but White House Chief of Staff John Sununu said the West wanted to avoid the errors of the 1970s when billions of dollars of loans were squandered in extravagant communist projects.

Instead, the United States wants Western countries to develop a comprehensive plan which links aid and debt relief to economic reform and which recognises that economic reform is unlikely to succeed if unaccompanied by political change.

Such a strategy appeals to Poland and Hungary, even if the Poles in particular want more immediate Western economic help, for they acknowledge the link between political and economic change and are dismantling their communist power structures.

But the US initiative is completely unacceptable to East Germany, Romania and Czechoslovakia, whose ageing leaderships fear the impact of political reform on their societies and where popular discontent is never far below the surface.

Most disturbing of all for the hardliners is that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has shown no sign of wanting to halt the reforms in Poland and Hungary. He speaks frequently of the right of every communist country to choose its own path.

While the conservative states accused the United States of interfering in Eastern Europe, Soviet officials suggested Bush's tour of the region might improve the international atmosphere just like Gorbachev's trip to Western Europe.

Bush has seized on the co-operative Soviet approach to argue that East and West have their best chance since 1945 to overcome Europe's divisions and return capitals such as Warsaw, Budapest, Prague and Berlin to their central places in European culture.

"Let the Soviet leaders know that they have everything to gain, and nothing to lose or fear, from peaceful change. We can — and I am determined that we will — work together to move beyond containment, beyond the Cold War," he said in Budapest.

Such words are music to the ears of Poles and Hungarians. But they do not impress the leaders of Czechoslovakia, East Germany and Romania who fear their old words will disappear as Washington and Moscow consolidate their new detente. (Reuters — Budapest)

Solidarity divided by proposal to take power

THREE months after it returned to legality, Solidarity is standing at the threshold of power, anxiously debating whether it would be an act of national responsibility or political suicide to form a government now.

A proposal to form a government, launched by Solidarity strategist Adam Michnik, has split the opposition movement since last month's partly-free elections to a new parliament catapulted it towards power.

The idea is publicly backed only by a few influential strategists who want Solidarity to take power immediately.

Several senior figures in the movement have called the proposal absurd, premature or dangerous — at least at present.

But Michnik argues that since the election triumph over the communists, a Solidarity-led government is the only credible administration for Poland.

It is also the only one that can retain public trust while introducing Western-style economic reforms that will cause widespread dislocation at a time of deep crisis and threatened social upheaval.

"We need a government which people can trust and it can only be a government created by the force that won the Senate elections by 99 seats to one," Michnik said in a television debate.

A new government will be formed after appointment of a prime minister by a new president, to be elected next week.

A Solidarity government would be the first non-communist administration in the East bloc since the 1940s, and Michnik said it depended on an accord with Communist Party reformers.

"I don't propose to overthrow the existing authorities," he said before flying to Moscow on what Solidarity sources indicated was a mission to seek Soviet consent for the idea.

The Communist Party has made no comment, but political sources say a Solidarity-led government is probable. They say it would be a variation of the "grand coalition" the communists are calling for to tackle Poland's daunting problems.

Private soundings are under way for a Solidarity-led administration, probably headed by its parliamentary leader Bronislaw Geremek, in which key ministers such as defence, interior, and possibly foreign affairs, would be retained by the communists, the sources said.

Despite the behind-the-scenes discussions, Geremek and other Solidarity leaders dismiss the idea in public.

Geremek says Solidarity's job now is not to take power but slowly to build up Poland's fledgling democracy by establishing local self-government, independent courts and press freedoms.

"The question now is not a division of portfolios or privileges. It is a change of the political system and this cannot be done in a moment," he said.

Some leaders voiced the fears that if Solidarity takes power now it may be destroyed by popular unrest provoked by Poland's economic decline and the dislocation of reforms.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa says Poland is a "powder keg" that could blow away the entire democratisation process.

The spark that could ignite Poland, amid 100 per cent inflation and widespread consumer goods shortages, is a plan for the next government to abolish state subsidies on food.

Finance Minister Andrzej Wroblewski says food prices will soar by 80 per cent and meat will rise further when the farm economy is switched to a free market system.

Smaller food price rises in 1970 and 1980 caused upheavals that overthrew communist governments. Other leaders add that conservative communist bureaucrats still control the state and could block reforms and emasculate a Solidarity government.

"We are aliens in the eyes of the apparatus so in fact we wouldn't be ruling over anything but we would be responsible for everything," said Solidarity Senator Karol Modzelewski.

"We can only agree to this idea after making sure that the nation and state are in mortal danger from which there is no other rescue," he added.

According to Michnik, that situation is already at hand and Solidarity has to shoulder its responsibility as the only political group trusted by the Polish public.

"I don't know if people want a Solidarity government or not, but they certainly want change, radical change, and another government with a communist prime minister will not be a radical change," he said.

"I think there is no time left... the catastrophe in the economy is so deep that if nothing is done immediately, there will very soon be nothing left of the existing system of political compromise." (Reuters — Warsaw)



Bush: a symbol of the Western world

Handwritten Arabic text: "مكتبة محمد بن عبد الوهاب"

Fahd to undergo surgery in US

CLEVELAND, Ohio, July 14. (Agencies): King Fahd of Saudi Arabia will enter the Cleveland clinic during a visit to the United States for a physical examination and possible knee surgery, the hospital said yesterday.

Fahd, 67, is due in Washington to visit President George Bush on July 27. The clinic said it was preparing space for Fahd and an entourage of 200.

Twenty rooms at the hospital will be

rededicated to his taste, the clinic spokesman said, and modifications are being made for security reasons.

Preparations for the official opening of a major Saudi exhibition on July 29 that will tour the United States for about a year are in the final stages and will be completed on time before its inauguration by King Fahd.

The Saudi exhibit, entitled "Saudi Arabia: Yesterday and Today," will be

open to the American public in Washington, D.C. July 29 - August 20. After that, it will move to four major American cities — Atlanta, Dallas, New York, and Los Angeles — before closing its eleven-month-long on June 30, 1990.

The exhibition, which at one estimate will cost at least \$14 million to stage, will cover Saudi history and culture although the emphasis is expected to be on modern Saudi Arabia.

As envisaged by its organisers, the exhibit will consist of seven major thematic areas: the land, pre-Islam, Islam, society, people, nation building, and Saudi Arabia and the world community.

The life of King Abdul Aziz, the founder of modern Saudi Arabia, will be chronicled with rare furnishings from Al Mubarak Palace in Riyadh. Scale models of Masmak Fort, and historical Najran houses will be replicated.

PLO official meets Howe

KUWAIT, July 14. (Agencies): A senior PLO official believes PLO chairman Yasser Arafat will meet British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, the official Kuwait News Agency reported today.

"Such a meeting is inevitable in future. A date for the meeting will be set later," Bassam Abu Sharif, political advisor to Arafat, said in an interview with KUNA in London.

Abu Sharif said the issue of such a meeting was not raised at his groundbreaking meeting yesterday with British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe but had been discussed with Foreign Undersecretary William Waldegrave during earlier visits to London.

"There is no obstacle for holding such a meeting," he said.

Abu Sharif's meeting with Howe lasted less than 15 minutes, but it marked the first time a PLO official has met with such a senior British official.

Abu Sharif has said in other interviews that he was given a message from the British government for Arafat on the overall Middle East peace process.

Gulf newspapers have reported recently that Arafat will attend the fall session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, and could hold talks with Howe on the margins of the meeting.

Abu Sharif, who was starting a European tour from London, told KUNA the meeting with Howe was "indicative of continuous improvement and upgrading of the Palestinian-British relationship." It is also an evidence of the British government's desire to play an effective and positive role in the Middle East.

Abu Sharif said: "I also expressed hope that Britain will play a strong and positive role toward ending the suffering of Palestinians and allowing them to realize their ambitions in self-determination and building an independent state."

He added: "Howe told me that Britain was highly appreciative of the PLO commitment to peace in the region and saw that further efforts should be made to re-establish just peace based on trading peace for peace."

Meanwhile an aide to Israeli Finance Minister Shimon Peres said yesterday that Israel was conducting "clear, official and unequivocal" negotiations with the PLO via American and other foreign intermediaries.

The remark about the PLO was made by Peres' aide and longtime associate, Deputy Finance Minister Yossi Beilin. He spoke on Army radio after testimony by US Assistant Secretary of State John H. Kelly raised a storm in Israel.

Kelly, replying to a question before a congressional subcommittee, said it would be an "exaggeration" to say an official dialogue is taking place between Israel and the PLO, but that there was "classified reporting about contacts" between the two.

Clear

The testimony immediately sparked controversy in Israel, which has officially boycotted the PLO, calling it a terrorist group bent on Israel's destruction.

Both Shamir and Peres, Labour's chairman, quickly denied there were any Israeli talks with the PLO.

"It's an absolute lie. We are not speaking either directly or indirectly with that group," Shamir's spokesman Yossi Abimeir said, reiterating the premier's remarks in a telephone interview yesterday.

But Beilin claimed the denials were only technical because Israel has not formally changed its policy toward the PLO.

"For two-and-a-half months, clear, official, unequivocal negotiations have been underway between the Israeli government headed by Yitzhak Shamir, via the Americans," Beilin said.

Shamir rejects talks with PLO

Palestinian stabbed to death

ROME, July 14. (Agencies): Hardline Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir has once more rejected any kind of negotiations with the PLO, claiming that he will stop the Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

Shamir also rejected any UN supervision of the peace process and claimed that the 1979 Camp David accords are the best way to realize a settlement to the Middle East crisis.

In an interview with "Panorama" magazine and obtained by KUNA, Shamir said that he does not even think of returning an inch of

the occupied Arab territories to the Arabs because "states do not relinquish their national heritage," in an indication to the Israeli-occupied lands.

Asked about the Arabs he keeps saying that he is ready to negotiate with, Shamir evaded the question and alleged that the PLO oppresses the freedom of expression of many Palestinians, saying "when those people have the chance to speak freely, they will assert that violence will not improve the situation (in the occupied territories)."

He also accused Italy of sympathizing with the PLO and said that he does not know why is that.

Asked on whether there will be a Palestinian state in the occupied territories, Shamir replied "I don't know."

He reiterated that Camp David, which calls for a five-year civil administration followed by unconditional negotiations, is the way to realize a lasting and acceptable solution for both the Arabs and Israelis.

The Israeli premier lashed out at the US-Palestinian dialogue, which according to him, does not help peace. "I don't even want to hear about the international conference."

The United States has cancelled a mission to test Israel's sincerity in proposing Palestinian elections amid signs that the ruling Labour and Likud parties are edging towards a compromise to keep the plan alive.

But Shamir announced with apparent satisfaction today that the US visit was off, saying it would not make any difference to the Israeli peace proposals.

Labour Party, touting down its threats to leave the government following appeals from the Bush administration to give another chance for the Israeli peace plan to work.

Political sources said a compromise was taking shape to avert Labour's threat to walk out over Likud's insistence that the 19-month-old Palestinian uprising must first be crushed and East Jerusalem Arabs must be excluded from elections.

Labour's enthusiasm for leaving the government and forcing a general election appeared to be waning fast. Party officials said public opinion was strongly against new elections so soon after last November's ballot.

In the latest uprising violence, Palestinians stabbed to death a 26-year-old Arab in the Gaza town of Rafah suspected of dealing in drugs and collaborating with Israeli authorities.

Police said a 64-year-old Israeli construction foreman was stabbed and beaten to death near the coastal town of Ashdod today, according to Army Radio.

The radio said police arrested four Arab workers but it was not clear if the incident was related to the uprising.

In the compromise taking shape within the coalition government, Shamir sides said today the prime minister was willing to spell out clearly that Likud's conditions did not affect the national unity government plan for a poll to choose Arab negotiators from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

A court barred a Jewish resident of Jerusalem from the city for 45 days today on charges of inciting anti-Arab riots and a Jewish settler was banned from entering Jerusalem at night.

In Jerusalem, a tear-gas grenade exploded last night during the festive closing ceremony of the international Maccabiah games for Jewish athletes.

The cloud of acrid grey smoke that rose at the very end of the ceremony sent hundreds of them running, and some were seen rubbing their eyes and crying.



Al Bashir (left) and Mubarak hold talks. (Reuters wirephoto)

Egypt ready to aid Sudan

CAIRO, July 14. (KUNA): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said on Wednesday his country was ready to extend assistance to Sudan and forge closer ties with the new government in Khartoum.

Mubarak told a joint news conference on Wednesday, with Sudan's strongman, Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir that Sudan could be turned into the breadbasket of the Arab world if the country's vast areas of arable land were put to good use. Al Bashir flew back to Sudan after the conference.

The Egyptian president said his talks with Gen. Al Bashir tackled all bilateral issues and the situation in the Sudan in the light of the coup by Army officers against the elected government of former Premier Sadik El Mahdi.

Gen. Al Bashir said he had asked Mubarak to raise Sudan's economic problems with leaders of the world's richest nations, in Paris for the celebrations marking the bicentenary of the French Revolution this week.

Talking about the civil war in southern Sudan, Gen. Al Bashir said he was still awaiting a reply from rebel leaders in the south to his proposals for a dialogue on resolving the war.

Gen. Al Bashir added that his military government "had come to resolve the problems faced by

Solution to unrest

Sudan denies split

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia, July 14. (AP): A spokesman for Sudan's military junta denied in an interview published today that the country's new ruler Lieut. Gen. Omar Hassan Al Bashir would agree to a split with the south as one of the options for ending the unrest there.

The Saudi Arabian newspaper Al Yawm quoted the spokesman, Col. Suleiman Mohammed Suleiman, as saying statements to this effect attributed to Al Bashir earlier this week by a Gulf newspaper were "devoid of truth."

Al Bashir's revolution for national salvation seized power in Khartoum on June 30.

Al Khaleej newspaper in the United Arab Emirates yesterday quoted Al Bashir as saying he was willing to accept a partition if the people of the south agreed among themselves to that as a solution to the 6-year-old crisis there.

He also was quoted as saying that he also would accept other alternatives like a confederation, or a provincial government in the south.

But the junta spokesman, in his statements to the Saudi daily published in the kingdom's Eastern Province, said the ruling command council has its views on how to settle the problem in the south.

Sudan, but we definitely would not turn our back on the democratic and popular role in the construction efforts.

Also visiting Cairo was Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat who, like Al Bashir, came to see Mubarak before the Egyptian

leader flew to Paris.

Foreign Ministry sources, who asked not to be named, said that Arafat and Al Bashir expected Mubarak to advocate their views on Sudan's foreign debts and Middle East peace process during his planned meetings with leaders of other countries.

Call for North-South summit

Mitterrand urged to seize opportunity

PARIS, July 14. (KUNA): Four leading developing countries, Egypt, India, Senegal and Venezuela, have requested President Francois Mitterrand to seize the opportunity of the presence in Paris of leaders of 33 world countries "to start proceedings" leading to regular meetings between developed and developing countries.

A communique just released by the Elysee Palace said that President Mubarak of Egypt, Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Presidents Abdou Diouf of Senegal and Carlos Andre Perez of Venezuela, have called on the French leader to "take the necessary steps, as early as possible, to convene a North-South summit."

After 24 hours of bilateral and multilateral meetings between them, the four leaders met, yesterday afternoon with President Mitterrand and voiced their request, it was reported.

The regular summit meetings

between rich and poor countries are calling for, on the eve of the seven leading industrialised nations' meeting in Paris, will be mainly aimed at "attacking global economic issues and environmental problems of mutual interests," they said in a press release.

That North-South summit, they went on, "would mark the beginning of continuous consultations between leaders of the North and the South of such issues."

The group of four indicated that the secretary-general of the United Nations and international economic and financial institutions will be associated to that initiative and that the Group of 77 and the Non-aligned Movement will be informed of everything going on.

The proposal of the four developing countries' leaders will be discussed at the G-7 sum-

mit meeting to open in Paris on Friday.

Asked whether President Mitterrand has accepted their request, Rajiv, who was on the way out of the Elysee with the three other leaders after the half an hour meeting, replied "Yes."

The Elysee Palace for its part indicated that President Mitterrand was in favour of the holding of that North-South summit asked for by the four developing countries' leaders and that he was "ready to take the necessary steps to concretise that project."

Meanwhile, Mitterrand and his US counterpart, George Bush yesterday tackled the Lebanese question during their bilateral meeting, it was revealed. Elysee Palace spokesman Hubert Vedrine said the two presidents discussed the current situation in Lebanon and Mitterrand explained his country's efforts to bring the conflict there into an end.



Iranian women wait in front of Khomeini's portrait before the start of the commemorative ceremonies. (Reuters wirephoto)

Final tribute to Khomeini

Millions throng grave

NICOSIA, July 14. (AP): Millions of Iranians, chanting "death to America" and beating themselves in grief, surrounded the gold-domed tomb of Ayatollah Khomeini yesterday to mark the end of 40 days of mourning for the founder of Islamic republic.

His successor as Iran's religious leader, President Ali Khamenei, appeared in public for the first time since Khomeini's funeral June 6 and delivered a tirade against the United States and its allies.

The speeches by Khamenei and other Iranian leaders turned the religious ceremony into a rally against the United States and Israel.

Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, widely tipped as Iran's next president to succeed Khamenei, was cheered when he appeared on a podium some distance from the grave, accompanied by bodyguards carrying automatic rifles.

Khomeini's son Ahmad and his elder brother, Ayatollah Morteza Pasandideh, were also hailed by the crowd when they appeared on the podium.

Ahmad, 43, flanked by his weeping uncle, declared the mourning period over.

Tehran Radio and the official Islamic Republic News Agency, both monitored in Nicosia, said that "millions" of people rhythmically thumping their chests and heads in a ritualized frenzy of grief packed an area 1-1/2 miles

(2.5 kilometres) deep around the shrine in the Behesht-e Zahra cemetery outside Tehran.

There was no way to accurately estimate the crowd. But aerial views shown by Iran's state-run television, also monitored in Nicosia, indicated it was as big as the gathering at Khomeini's funeral which authorities estimated was attended by 10 million people.

Khomeini died June 3 aged 86.

IRNA said some 10,000 people collapsed with "heart problems" or were injured, "some seriously," in the suffocating throng with another 10,000 overcome by the scorching heat, with temperatures hitting 42 degrees Celsius (110 Fahrenheit).

The television, broadcasting live from the cemetery 10 miles (16 kms) south of the capital, showed those who had collapsed being handed by other mourners over the heads of the crowd to first aid teams waiting on the fringes.

The Iranian media reported many were in serious condition even after treatment at 50 medical stations set up along roads leading to the cemetery and manned by 1,500 personnel. Firemen hosed the crowd with water to cool them down.

Many travelled from all over the country before yesterday's ceremonies to keep an all-night vigil around the shrine, IRNA reported.

Ensure peace, calls Iraq

'Keep out N-arms'

GENEVA, July 14. (AP): Iraq, saying that Israel has nuclear weapons yesterday called for "appropriate" international measures to make the Middle East a nuclear-free area.

Addressing the 40-nation conference on disarmament, Iraqi ambassador Barzan Ibrahim Al Tikriti said there was "no doubt" that Israel had acquired nuclear weapons and that its arsenal also includes chemical weapons and "long-range missiles."

"This means that appropriate and effective international measures will have to be achieved so as to denuclearise the Middle East and to consolidate the military balance," he said.

The Iraqi diplomat, an observer, spoke one week after the conference heard a call by Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati for stepped-up efforts to achieve a global ban on chemical weapons.

In his speech, Velayati also said eight reports by UN teams on the use of chemical arms by Iraq had failed to prompt any "genuine reaction" from the international diplomatic community during the Gulf war.

Iraq has admitted using chemical weapons but claims Iran used them first. Iran has denied it ever used them. A UN Security Council resolution last August said the experts concluded that "the use of such weapons against Iraqis had become more and more frequent."

While making no reference to their use by Iraq, Al Tikriti said it emerged from the UN reports that it was "Iran (that) was condemned for having used chemical weapons." And that Velayati used "selected extracts" from the UN report "for propaganda purposes."

Indian firm to resume chemical exports after clearance

BOMBAY, July 14. (Agencies): An Indian firm involved in the controversial export of thionyl chloride, used for making lethal mustard gas, will resume exports after government clearance, an official of the company said today.

"We have been receiving active enquiries from parties in the US and Europe for importing thionyl chloride. But we are awaiting government guidelines as to what should be our stand with regard to the chemical's export," the Vice-President of Transpek

Industry, Parash Saraiya, told Reuters.

Saraiya did not reveal which companies from the United States and Europe were interested in importing thionyl chloride.

A consignment of 120 tonnes of Transpek thionyl chloride believed to be on its way to Iran was intercepted recently in Dubai and sent back to Bombay.

It was part of an order of 257 tonnes placed by Shattaf General Trading of Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates, which in turn sold the chemical to West German firm Rheinsten

Chemical products of Duesseldorf.

In Baltimore two Iranian-born brothers accused of illegally shipping \$1.6 million worth of military parts to Iran through Savannah, Georgia, pleaded guilty.

Mohammad Emamhosseini, also known as John Emam, 42, and Gholareza Emamhosseini, also known as Reza Emam 38, pleaded guilty to one count each of making false statements on US customs service export documents to facilitate the parts shipments in 1984 and 1985.

MIDEAST BRIEFS

6 women trampled

CAIRO, Egypt, July 14. (AP): A crowd of more than 200 trampled six women to death yesterday while rushing to receive free meat distributed by a wealthy man observing the first day of the Eid Al Adha, the Muslim feast of sacrifice, newspapers said.

The daily state-run Al Akhbar said the incident happened when more than 200 poor, elderly women in Al Sahel, a densely-populated suburb north of Cairo, crowded around the home of Mohammed Abdel-Salem, a bank accountant, who was giving out meat on the occasion of the feast.

Meat for the needy

JEDDAH, July 14. (KUNA): Sacrificial meat slaughtered during this pilgrimage season will be frozen and shipped by land, air and sea to various parts of the world to help Muslims in need, the Saudi Press Agency reported today.

The agency said that during the first day of Al Adha feast yesterday more than 93,000 sheep had been slaughtered by pilgrims.

Visa requirements

BAGHDAD, July 14. (Reuters): Iraq will lift visa requirements for nationals from its three Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) partners from Monday, Baghdad Radio reported yesterday.

It said Iraq was also cancelling residence restrictions for nationals of ACC allies, Egypt, Jordan and North Yemen living in Iraq and charges for them to use their cars.

The lifting of the visa requirements does not apply to most Iraqis, who will still need permission to leave their country.

Jewish emigration

KUWAIT, July 14. (KUNA): More than 100,000 Jews have left Israel during the past six months, the Central Bureau for Statistics in the Zionist entity said.

In its census, broadcast by Radio Israel yesterday, the bureau said that the Jewish population in occupied Palestine has dropped by 100,000 from the 1988 census of 3.7 million, despite a 1.2 per cent hike in Jewish births.

New Iraqi minister

BAGHDAD, July 14. (Reuters): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein appointed Abdul Salam Mohammed Saeed yesterday as health minister.

Saeed had been acting minister since Saddam fired former Health Minister Sadiq Hameed Alwash. The National Assembly accused Alwash last year of negligence.

Egyptian named

GENEVA, July 14. (KUNA): Dr Mahmoud Fahmy Fathalla of Egypt has been appointed director of the special programme of research, development and research training in Human Reproduction (HRP) in the World Health Organisation (WHO).

The appointment was announced today by the director-general of the WHO, Dr Hiroshi Nakajima.

Fundamentalists

ALGIERS, July 14. (Reuters): Algeria is to free 12 Islamic fundamentalists jailed for attempted subversion, an Algerian human rights activist said on Wednesday.

Miloud Ibrahim, president of the Algerian Human Rights League, told Algerian radio the prisoners would be released within the next 24 hours.

Muslims outnumber

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 14. (Reuters): The Jewish state is becoming more Muslim, Israel's Central Bureau of Statistics said yesterday.

Because of a higher birth rate, the Muslim population rose 3.3 per cent to 634,000 in 1988 while the Jewish population increased 1.3 per cent to 3.6 million.

The lost secret

BAGHDAD, July 14. (Reuters): Iraq is offering cash prizes of more than \$2 million in an effort to discover anew the lost secret of bringing water to the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, one of the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Visit negotiations

TOKYO, July 14. (Reuters): The Japanese government is negotiating with the Palestine Liberation Organisation over a visit by its leader Yasser Arafat, a Foreign Ministry official said today.

It would be Arafat's first visit to Japan since 1981.

VIDEO CORNER

Bond keeps a low profile

By Brian Hollis

THE good news this week is that the new James Bond movie *Licence to Kill* is coming shortly, but unfortunately it won't be available in the shops until Saturday. Timothy Dalton plays Bond for the second time in this 16th film of the series which started 20 years ago. But this time there has been a conscious effort to update Bond to the modern adult world, resulting in a 15 rating, as opposed to the previous U. The story for the first time can be described as realistic, cashing in on the American drugs and violence scene.

Bond is off duty in Florida for the wedding of his friend from the Drug Enforcement Agency. On the way to the church, Bond helps in a major bust which nets superboss Sanchez (Robert Davi). But with the help of a megadollar bribe, Sanchez is soon free to take revenge on the newlyweds. Helped by feisty female pilot Pam (Carey Lowell), and some gadgets provided by a vacationing Q (Desmond Llewellyn), Bond, now fired by the Secret Service, penetrated Sanchez' Central American headquarters for the inevitable showdown.

Dalton plays it very low key this time around, with the result that much of the interest focuses on Lowell, Llewellyn and particularly the unspeakably charming villain played by

Davi. The vehicle stunts are the best ever, and the one-liner printed on a card round the head of the shark mangled DEA agent, must rate as the grizzliest ever: He disagreed with something that ate him.

However, the big question mark remains unanswered until the film has had wider general release both in England and internationally: Will the public accept the new adult Bond, or were they hooked on the cartoonlike fantasies that have been his trademark up to now?

Faye Dunaway stars with Klaus Maria Brandenauer in *Burning Secrets*, an adaptation of Stefan Zweig's short story set in the Austrian Alps. Young Edmund (David Eberts) is taken to a lonely resort as an asthma cure by his elegant mother, and soon attracts the friendship of a charming mysterious baron, recuperating from war wounds, who enralls the sickly child with stories of wartime gallantry. But surely this suave, engaging man of the world has better things to do. Is he perhaps a pedophile, or a kidnapper, or is he simply using the child as an avenue to his mother Sonya.

Indeed when Sonya and the baron start to spend time together, Edmund feels jealous and betrayed. Soon he catches the baron actively compromising her fidelity, and he too



Dursley McLinden plays Tim Diamond in 'Just Ask For Diamond'.

becomes devious as he tries to obstruct their growing intimacy.

Beautiful locations and a compact story make this an acceptable little arthouse film, but there is little tension or dynamism, and it is as watchable as it is forgettable.

The title 'Blueberry Hill' automatically recalls a certain era for many people, as this was Fats Domino's greatest rock 'n' roll hit which dominated the Summer of 1959. The film revisits director Robbe de Hert's own troubled youth as a 5th grade student, constantly at odds with his father and the rest of the world. Looking forward to summer holidays, the only thing in his way is the end of term exam. But the reappearance of his old flame Cathy gives him something else to think about. The students decide to lock themselves in the classroom to copy the exam questions, but one gets caught and the sadistic principal weighs in. A feverish tempo and a remarkably strong cast of young and spontaneous actors make this a fresh and entertaining film, and although it is a Belgian production, it should reach a wide cinema audience due to the director's storytelling ability.

Out of the Dark is a good example of a low budget exploitation movie, whose main objective seems to be in racking up the highest possible body count of pretty girls. The story concerns a telephone sex agency whose cheerful girls are being picked off one by one by a crazed killer dressed up as Bobo the Clown. Prime suspect is Kevin (Cameron Dye), photographer friend of one of the agency's heaviest breathers, but twitchy accountant David Stringer is also a possible. The film boasts a remarkably strong cast including Karen Black and Divine in one of his rare outings as a man. As executive producer Paul Bartel explains: "This is the kind of movie I wanted to make for a long time. It's material that glows in the dark with sex, violence, telephones and all the

other things so dear to the hearts of the American people."

We Think the World of You is a recent British drama starring Gary Oldman and Alan Bates. However, the main star of the movie turns out to be Betsy, Oldman's dog. Oldman plays Johnny, as sometime housebreaker who has just been sentenced to a year in jail. Unfortunately this also sentences Betsy to a year stuck in Johnny's parents' backyard. Alan Bates looks in on Johnny regularly and soon starts to enjoy a regular romp with Betsy across the blighted urban landscapes of 1950s London. However in spite of some meticulous acting, the film never really seems to get started, and unless you're pining for views from home, this one is too sombre and depressing by half.

Yet another coming of age drama is *Prince of Pennsylvania* starring Fred Ward and Bonnie Bedelia. The Marshettas are seeming pillars of the local community, but unknown to the husband Gary, his wife is having an affair with his best friend. This adds to the confusion of their already mixed up teen-age son (Keanu Reeves), who gets most of his pleasure from his relationship

with one time hippie Carla who runs a nearby diner. The boy and Carla decide to kidnap dad and keep him down a mine until he agrees to hand over a sum of money to develop a plot of land. Naturally it all goes wrong, but at least there is quite a droll twist in the tail.

Just ask for Diamond is the kind of film which is likely to put me off right from the beginning — a British spoof of American detective classics. However this family film is much better than one would expect. The momentum of the film is set going by a comically unsuccessful private eye named Diamond, who is helped out by his younger brother Nick. Diamond is as thick as two planks, but Nick is sharp. Into their bedraggled apartment stumbles a deadly dwarf, followed by a clutch of seedy characters including several well-known faces (Susanah York, Colin Dale, Saeed Jafrey, Roy Kinnear). The film was recently shown at the London Film Festival, and is a well crafted and at times truly funny film.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Fintash/Farwaniya; Video Nauf, Sahliya Complex, Tel: 2432808; Video Club, Sahliya, Tel: 5724372.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 4 to 7.00 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

Tareq Rajab Museum
Sat-Thurs: 9-12 noon and 4-7 pm. Also open on Fridays from 9 to 12 noon.

SOCIAL

KAPILKU Children's Contest

AUGUST 11: KAPILKU will hold the Little Mr and Ms Philippines, Kuwait, contest at Showbiz Pizza place, Sahliya. This coincides with Araw ng Mga Bata (Children's Day). Last date for submitting entries is July 28. For details contact Jojo Medrano, AVF, welfare and special projects, VCP, Rosale Austria or VP Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 483447.

Bangladesh Association
JULY 21: The association invites all Bangladeshis to join the Bangladesh Library as founder/life members. Those who are interested can contact any executive member of the association on July 21 from 6 to 8 pm at the embassy premises. A meeting will be held at the embassy premises on August 4 to discuss the formation of the library.

British Council
JULY 19, (6 pm), July 20 (10.30 am). The Magical World of Gigi, a children's film, will be shown at the British Council premises in Mansouriya. It is the story of Princess Gigi who lives in the Kingdom of Fairyland. She is sent to Earth and with her magic wand, she transforms herself into a supergirl to make people's dreams come true.

July 22, July 23 (6.30 pm): This month's feature film is An

Englishman Abroad. Based by Alan Bennett on the real-life meeting between Burgess and Coral Browne, filmed on location in London, Glasgow, Dundee. Alan Bates is Burgess. Admission is free for both movies but it is advisable to reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

D'Assisi Social Evening
AUG 1: D'Assisi Association will hold their social evening at the Messila Beach Hotel. The highlights of the evening will be the crowning of D'Assisi Queen. Top Ranks and Stepping Stones will provide the music. For more information contact Joe Jack Ferns on 5644178, Henry 3717346 or contact A.M. Fine Arms, Shop No. 34, Al Karnek Super Market, near GPO, Kuwait.

United Goans

AUG 3: Summerbelle '89 is about to happen. United Goans Centre present "Top Ranks and Stepping Stones" in a music/satirical evening at the Tent SAS Hotel. Crowning of Summerbelle, various competitions, etc. to keep you on your toes. For details contact: Moses 2454266, Joe 5655140. Anicet 2439249 after 6 pm.

Independents ball

AUG. 7: At the Messila Beach Hotel from 8.30 pm onwards. Organised by Kuwait Independents Hockey. For tickets and details contact F. D'Mello (2421252) or S. Bajaj (2445825) after 7.30 pm.

Farewell pictures

Photographs taken at the farewell reception for outgoing Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha, organised by the Indian community, are available from Sami Farooqi. Those who are interested in getting a copy of their contact Tel: 2446489.

Tivim Centre

OCT. '26: Tivim Centre's Breeze 89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam Hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music. Lot of surprises await. For further information contact the organisers.

HOTELS

At the Kuwait Plaza
Enjoy the fun; join the celebration of fun and games every Friday at Al Dahla coffee shop where you enjoy all kinds of delicious food. Con-

SUNDAY, July 16

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Cartoon Serial
10.30 International Circus
11.00 English Film
2.00 Arabic play: Lailat Jawaz Al Shaghlahah. Starring: Sameer Ghanim, Isaad Younis
8.00 Diwanayat Shaura Al Nabat
10.00 Arabic Serial: Harebat Min Al Madhi. Starring: Ameena Rizq
10.45 Arabic play: Mannou Beamer Al Awlad. Starring: Mahmoud Morsi

MONDAY, July 17

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim. Children programme
10.15 Daily Arabic serial: Al Hub Wa Al Sabbar
12.30 Cultural Film
2.15 Arabic daily serial: Al Shams Baad Al Ghoroub
4.00 Historical serial
7.45 Holy Quran and Science
9.30 Local Programme: Monday Evening
11.00 Cultural programme: Ehtemalat

TUESDAY, July 18

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons
12.15 Weekly programme: With Stars
4.00 Arabic Play: Qatel Al Wahm
7.00 Historical Serial
10.45 Arabic Film: Set Al Bait. Starring: Faten Hamamah

WEDNESDAY, July 19

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Iftah Ya Simsim
12.30 Variety programme: Huwar Wa Nagham
4.00 Football Match: Australia vs Kuwait
6.00 Children Programme: Alf Laila Wa Laila
7.00 The World About Us
11.00 Weekly Programme: Mahakem Bela Sujoon (Trials without jails)

THURSDAY, July 20

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons
12.05 Japanese competition programme
4.00 Local children play: Shams Al Shomoos. Starring: Huda Husain
8.30 With Islam
10.45 Arabic film: Ya Sadiqi Kam Tesawi. Starring:

KTV I weekly highlights



Dilip Kumar in Ram Aur Shyam on KTV 1 at 4.00 pm today

Farouq Al Feeshawi, Safiya Al Emari.

FRIDAY, July 21

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.25 Cartoons
11.15 Friday Prayers
1.30 Local programme: Friday Meet

4.00 Arabic Film: Bent Antar. Starring: Sameera Tawfiq, Fareed Shawqi.

8.00 Cultural Programme
10.00 Wrestling
10.45 Variety Programme: Kelma with singer Sabah.

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Ghanim Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St.
Ibn Sina Pharmacy.
Mubarak Al Kabir St.
Hawalli & Nagra
Hawalli Pharmacy
Tunis St.
Sahliya & Rumeithiya
Al Rashid Pharmacy.
Rumeithiya, Amman St.
Fahabel & Ahmadi
Al Khaleej Pharmacy.
Fahabel Complex Road

Farwaniya
Huwaita Pharmacy
Health Centre (Mustawfal) St.
Jahra
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Opp. Jahra Co-op. Society.

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available. A selection of home baked cakes, gateaux and tarts made to order.
Ramada Al Salam lobby lounge open 10 am to 11 pm on Sundays offering a selection of coffee, tea and juice, cakes and pastries available.

At the SAS
CELEBRATE Eid with fine menu of charcoal grills you can find only at the Al Boom. We are open for lunch during the Eid holidays. For reservations, call up 5657000 ext 403 or 540.

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Our gourmet shop offers a wide variety of imported meats, smoked fish, fruits, vegetables and home-made baked goodies.

At the Kuwait Sheraton
In tune with the seasons festivities and arrival of Eid Al Adha, Kuwait Sheraton presents a week filled with fun and joy for the family.

The Al Hambra offers sumptuous lunch buffets and the daily Arabic night with entertainment from the famous Lords Band with singer Ghasan Najjar. The famous Italian Riccardo restaurant presents it irresistible selection of pasta for both lunch and dinner not to mention the famous steak and fish cuisine with evening entertainment by Sienna Duo.

Hunt Room celebrates the Eid Al Adha with a daily lunch and dinner buffet with entertainment from the High Frequency Duo. For an enjoyable time with family and friends Le Tarbouche lays out a buffet lunch and dinner throughout Eid Al Adha with entertainment by our out play.

Keeping in tune with the holiday festivities and making this an occasion to remember for both family and friends Kuwait Sheraton also presents the special Eid Al Adha weekend package for the residents of Kuwait which gives them the advantage of making maximum use of the hotel facilities in an atmosphere of joy and happiness.

At the Kuwait Plaza
MARCOPOLO: The Italian restaurant in the heart of the city offers jumbo authentic pizza, spaghetti, lasagne and a wide variety of real Italian dishes in Italian ambience with live music by the most celebrated duo Stan and Alice.

Louluwah corner: The Parisian cafe with Arabic music by the oud player Fawzi Jamal. Enjoy the delights of different sandwiches and mouth watering juices and Arabic icecream. A special promotion for business lunch four courses including coffee or tea for only KD2.500.

Al Dahla coffee shop: Mezzah and sweet buffet with our favourite speciality a la carte, ask for our 'Plat De Jour'.

SPORTS

Swimming and Keep Fit

SWIMMING lessons have commenced at the Holiday Inn which is available for non-members. Monday (6 to 7 pm) separate ladies and mens fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill.

Saturdays and Wednesdays (5 to 6 pm) ladies aerobics and Saturdays (6 to 7 pm) mixed aerobics, with Toufi Pakasalo.

Bowling alley available for company tournaments.

Sundays squash handicap tournament, all standards welcome.

Tennis coaching available for non-members, and additional facilities available under the supervision of selective professionals: loss of weight, body building, massage (steam - oil - and cream) for ladies and men.

Please contact the recreation department tel. 4742000 ext 6788 or 6700.

Laser sailing

MBLC announces their sailing for calendar 1989 as follows:

Brain Boiler Series: upto September 1, Autumn Series: Sept 8 to Oct 27.
KMMK second Kuwait Laser Open Championship: Oct 19 and 20.
MBLC Americas Cup match racing: Oct 27, Winter Series: Nov 3 to Dec 29. Jebel Ali Gulf Championship: Nov 16 and 17. Flying Dutchman race: Dec 8. MBLC Turkey race: Dec 22.

All interested laser sailors wishing to compete in the above events must contact: D. Clark: 4845171 (W) 2425947 (H); P. Shepherd: 4845153 (W) 5314957 (H); K. Balman: 5624111 Missilah Beach Hotel.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.20 Cartoons
9.40 Songs
10.00 Children Play: Zummorodah. Starring: Nesreen
12.30 Nature
1.00 News in Brief
1.05 World Today via Satellite
1.25 Cartoon serial: Flouna
1.50 Local programme: Eid Meetings
3.05 Religious Encyclopedia
3.35 Cartoon Serial: Bibi Folk and Calimiro
4.00 Hindi film: Ram Aur Shyam. Starring: Dilip Kumar
6.40 Songs
7.00 Kuwait in a Week
8.00 Cultural Programme
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Local play: Lubat Al Karasi (last part)
11.00 Songs
11.30 Arabic film: Kul Hazha Al Hub (All This Love). Starring: Noor Al Sharif, Laila Ulwi.
1.00 News in Brief

PRAYERS

Fajr 3.26 am
Zuhr 11.54
Asr 3.28 pm
Maghreb 6.49
Isha 8.19

1.05 World Today via Satellite and Close-down

KTV 2

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
6.10 Cartoons
7.00 Wild life on animals
7.30 Full House

8.00 News in English
8.30 Haj and Umra
9.00 Our House
10.30 English feature film
11.30 News in Brief
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and close-down

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

US offers loan of up to \$2b to Mexico

Accord on debt relief vital: Japan

PARIS, July 14, (Agencies): The 15th annual summit of the world's richest nations opened today to work out joint approaches to environmental problems, Third World debt and political developments in Eastern Europe and China.

Hosted by French President Francois Mitterrand, the summit began amid a four-day extravaganza marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution that also brought more than two dozen leaders of developing nations to the French capital.

The Western leaders — US President George Bush, Prime Ministers Margaret Thatcher of Britain, Brian Mulroney of Canada, Soudouke Uno of Japan, Ciriaco De Mita of Italy and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl — held their opening session under the controversial glass pyramid that is now the main entrance of the Louvre Museum.

Mitterrand's guests arrived in the ornate courtyard under the watchful eyes of security men sweeping the area with binoculars from the Louvre rooftop and a surveillance blimp hovering above the famous museum.

They were formally welcomed by Mitterrand, who led them to the conference room where they

posed for photographers as they sat around a large circular table.

The eighth participant at the summit talks was Jacques Delors, the president of the European Economic Community Commission.

Officials said the summit will discuss efforts to provide debt relief to the Third World, whose outstanding bills total \$1.3 trillion.

Also on the summit agenda are political reforms in Eastern Europe, the recent crackdown of the pro-democracy movement in China and the state of the world's environment.

Before the formal talks got underway, the leaders met in bilateral sessions.

Kohl had an "especially detailed discussion" with Bush about the American President's trip to Poland and Hungary earlier in the week, according to Hans Klein, Kohl's spokesman.

The two leaders also discussed Thursday's call by developing nations for a major North-South conference to discuss debt relief and other issues. The United States and Britain are not enthusiastic about the idea.

The finance and foreign ministers of the seven summit nations were having their own discussions in the margin of the summit talks.



President Mitterrand. Before the summit began, President Bush manoeuvred unsuccessfully to obtain a final agreement between Mexico and

But the United States and Japan reported progress on a contentious trade issue. Reversing course, Japan agreed to hold talks with the United States on a broad range of trade barriers which the US administration contends are a major cause for its \$52-billion trade deficit with Tokyo.

An estimated one million spectators, enjoying a warm, sunny day, lined the route of the parade. It included 5,200 soldiers, 710 tanks and other vehicles and 230 fighter jets, helicopters and other military aircraft screaming overhead.

In comments to reporters, a Japanese official said it was important that the summit reach an accord on debt relief for developing nations.

The official, who asked not to be named, said Uno would seek to establish Japan as "a country determined to contribute towards a solution" of global economic and monetary problems.

Japan, which has a massive trade surplus, is often accused of doing too little in that field.

Margaret Thatcher, in a 30-minute meeting with Uno before the summit began, said she hoped the summit could issue a strong declaration on the violent

crackdown on Chinese pro-democracy movement. Uno, whose country conducts extensive trade with China, reportedly did not respond.

President Bush offered a short-term loan of up to \$2 billion to Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari to help Mexico while it negotiates with its creditor banks, but a solution to Mexico's debt problem eluded the two leaders.

White House chief of Staff John Sununu told reporters that Bush and Salinas agreed that the quality of an accord was more important than a time-table.

The failure of Mexico and its private creditors to go beyond a preliminary agreement that would substantially reduce Mexico's \$54 billion debt to the banks was a disappointment to the United States.

The meeting between the two presidents came at the last minute as Bush and his wife, Barbara, attended the ceremonies marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution and the start of the seven-nation summit.

Sununu said the banks and Mexico are "very close" to an agreement and are down to the details of a financial package to refinance the \$54 billion. "But the question is how it gets phased in," he said.

Oil workers resume campaign of strikes

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): British oil workers in the North Sea resumed a campaign of lighting strikes over pay and conditions today after talks with employers broke down.

World oil prices rose slightly on the news, although the immediate impact on oil production will be small, because the men work on construction and maintenance, not on the oil rigs.

"The campaign of industrial action in the North Sea is on again," said oil workers' spokesman Ronnie McDonald.

He said workers on each oil platform would decide what action they wished to take but the most likely was a series of lighting 24-hour stoppages.

The campaign by more than 5,000 construction and maintenance workers began on May 20 and grew into an all-out stoppage hitting most of Britain's key North Sea oil installations by the end of June.

The strikes were suspended a week ago as negotiations could take place but these had now broken down, McDonald said.

Industry sources say if the action continues, maintenance programmes will be delayed and platforms closing for routine work will be unable to restart on schedule.

Prices for North Sea Brent blend crude oil put on about five to 10 cents to around \$17.35 a barrel after the news that strikes were resuming.

Output from Britain, the biggest West European oil producer, is rebounding from an 11-year low in April when a gas explosion on a key pipeline system cut it by one quarter.

The recovery, from around 1.6 million barrels daily to normal volumes above two million, will take longer if strikes delay the start-up of fields which have been closed for routine summer maintenance.

Meanwhile, the explosion at a gas refinery in the city of Almetevsk earlier this week will cost the Soviet energy industry billions of dollars, Izvestia said today.

The explosion on Wednesday night, which killed four workers and injured six, has disrupted the pipeline system linking Western Siberia and the Volga-Urals region, the government newspaper said.

EEC to give aid to Argentina

BRUSSELS, Belgium, July 14, (AP): The EEC Commission said today it would give food and worth 400,000 European currency units to Argentina.

The emergency aid from the 12-nation European Economic Community was in answer to a plea from the league of Red Cross societies to help Argentina which is suffering from a severe economic crisis and from hyperinflation approaching 200 per cent a month.

The league will distribute the food, worth \$440,000, to the poorest Argentines.

Mitterrand backs debt call

UK, US oppose French move

PARIS, July 14, (Reuters): The United States and Britain opposed a call for a new North-South conference, setting the stage for a clash with France as the Paris economic summit began today.

President Francois Mitterrand championed the call for a fresh North-South forum, the first since a Mexico meeting in 1981, after it was proposed yesterday by the leaders of Egypt, India, Senegal and Venezuela.

But "White House" Chief of Staff John Sununu said there was no need for another such meeting and a senior British official said Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher also opposed the suggestion.

Sununu told a news conference: "The issues that are

probably the most appropriate to bring into focus at this time are the issues that are more properly put into the context of East-West."

He added that a new North-South dialogue would complicate matters and it was better to deal with global issues in one direction at a time.

The British official said: "We remain to be convinced that there is a need for any further conference. We believe we ought to continue to operate through international financial institutions and the Paris Club. A very considerable aid effort is under way."

The 18-member Paris Club has been the traditional forum for Western creditor governments to discuss official loans with

impooverished debtor countries. The official noted that the question of a North-South summit was not raised during meetings today between Thatcher and the Indian, Senegalese and Venezuelan leaders.

But Mitterrand, who said he was prepared to help organise the North-South conference to consider global economic and environmental issues, pledged to put the proposal to his six industrial partners at their weekend talks.

He denied it had been sprung on Britain and the United States. "They didn't trap anyone," he said in a television interview.

"I fully intend to involve myself in this initiative," he added. "It would be a genuine

shame if such a grand and fine idea was cut off in the first moments of its existence."

Mitterrand said the poor countries of the South were sending more money back to the North in the form of debt repayments than they were receiving in new loans.

"There are greater money flows coming from South to North, from the poor to the rich ... and this is scandalous," he added.

The four Third World leaders, who said the new North-South summit should mark the start of a continuing process of dialogue, were among 32 heads of state and government invited to Paris by Mitterrand for celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution.

Food safety body seeks closer links with GATT

GENEVA, July 14, (Reuters): A UN body that sets food safety standards said today it wanted to work more closely with the world's leading trade forum in a move apparently aimed at helping cope with complex disputes over farm trade.

The 136-nation Codex Alimentarius Commission decided at a 10-day meeting to develop closer ties with the 96-member General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), which sets the rules for four-fifths of world commerce.

The aim was "to avoid duplication of efforts and to harmonise possible areas of conflict," the commission said in a statement.

The commission is a joint body of two United Nations agencies, the World Health Organisation (WHO) and the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), and includes representatives of governments, the food industry and private organisations.

"While national measures taken to protect the health of consumers should be based on sound scientific evidence, they should not present unnecessary barriers to international food trade," the commission said.

It agreed to try to ensure that both it and GATT were represented at meetings where matters of mutual concern were under discussion.

The United States has cited Codex endorsement of five animal growth hormones in a protracted row with the European Economic Community over hormone-treated beef which has led to a food trade war.

It argued that a community ban on the beef, imposed because of health concerns, was a barrier to trade and had no scientific justification as Codex had found that the hormones were safe.

The commission also adopted guidelines for permitted levels of radioactive contamination in food resulting from industrial or nuclear accidents.

WHO officials told the meeting the guidelines were based on health and safety criteria, and had been fixed at levels that would ensure they were acceptable for use in the international food trade.

Steel imports from US jump Japan's exports up 2.7pc

TOKYO, July 14, (AP): Japan posted an unadjusted trade surplus of \$5.290 billion in June, down 11.1 per cent from \$5.950 billion a year earlier, but up from \$3.760 billion in May, the Finance Ministry announced yesterday.

Finance Ministry officials attributed the wider trade surplus in June, when compared to that in May, to a trend brought about by a 3-per cent consumption tax that forced importers to buy more before the new tax took effect April 1.

From a year earlier, however, both exports and imports showed moderate growth, though imports grew faster.

Exports, as measured when goods passed through customs, rose 2.7 per cent to \$22.654 billion from \$22.051 billion a year earlier and 4.3 per cent from \$21.706 billion in May.

Imports climbed 7.8 per cent to \$17.363 billion from \$16.103 billion a year earlier, but dropped 3.3 per cent from \$17.946 billion in the previous month.

In its trade figures, Japan includes freight and insurance costs only in imports, under the "customs clearance" basis, while the United States usually includes them in both imports and exports.

The trade figures in June brought Japan's surplus in the first six months of 1989 to \$33.50 billion, down slightly from \$33.7 billion in the same period last year.

Exports in the six months grew 8.3 per cent to \$135.832 billion from \$125.457 billion in the year-earlier period, while imports showed an 11.6 per cent growth, totalling \$102.363 billion a year earlier.

In June, the trade surplus with the United States, Japan's largest trade partner, grew 0.3 per cent to \$3.634 billion from \$3.622 billion a year earlier.

Exports to the United States grew 7.9 per cent to \$7.931 billion, while imports from the United States rose 15.3 per cent to \$4.297 billion.

Exports of products like machinery, non-ferrous metals, television sets, video tape recorders and semiconductors were brisk, while Japan imported more of US goods such as meat, lumber and pulp.

business machines, audio equipment, semiconductors, non-ferrous metals, cars and steel.

Steel imports from the United States, for instance, jumped 212.4 per cent from the year-earlier month to \$19.768 billion.

Japan's exports to the European Economic Community shrank 3.2 per cent to \$3.824 billion, while imports grew 6.4 per cent to \$2.293 billion. The balance, despite the slumping exports, still left Japan with a surplus of \$1.531 billion, down 14.7 per cent from \$1.794 billion a year earlier.

In exports to the EEC, non-ferrous metals, machine tools, television sets, semiconductors and motorcycles were the main items. Exports of semiconductors grew 41.5 per cent to \$120.274 million.

Foodstuffs, non-ferrous metals, lumber and cars topped the imports list. Car imports totalled \$321.129 million, up 54.2 per cent from the year-earlier level.

With Asian countries, Japan posted a total surplus of \$1.827 billion, slightly down from \$1.860 billion a year earlier.

Exports to Asia were up 6.3 per cent to \$6.901 billion, while imports rose 8.0 per cent to \$5.074 billion.

With the Middle East, Japan continued to incur a trade deficit due to its massive oil imports. The deficit came to \$1.157 billion in June, widening from a \$975.470 million shortfall in the year-earlier month because of higher oil prices.

In June, the government report said, the yen declined against the dollar, making the value of yen-denominated shipments smaller when calculated in dollar terms. The dollar valued at an average 143.06 yen in June, a slight gain from 143.06 yen a year earlier.

Due to Japan's economic expansion that accompanied personal consumption and corporate equipment investment, imports of manufactured goods remained strong, accounting for 49.9 per cent of overall imports in June.

No bid now for British retailer: financier

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): US financier Asher Edelman granted one of Britain's largest retailing chains, Storehouse, a reprieve from a possible takeover battle by allowing a bid deadline to expire today.

The panel on Takeovers and Mergers, a self-regulatory group of the British securities industry, had given Edelman until today to make an offer for Storehouse or wait at least another year to bid.

Edelman, who had built an 8.13-per cent stake in the group, said in a statement he did not intend to proceed with a bid at this time.

Storehouse owns Mothercare, a children's and maternity wear retailer, BHS Department Stores, the habitat chain of housewares and furniture stores and a women's fashion chain.

Edelman said last month he would be prepared to offer £1.85 (\$3.02) per ordinary share for Storehouse. Shares closed unchanged at £1.50 (\$2.45) after today's announcement.

"The Storehouse board and management team are glad that they can now devote all their attention and energy to the management of the company for the benefit of all its shareholders," chief executive Michael Julien said after the deadline expired.

World Stock Roundup

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuters): The share market closed lower in subdued trade amid high interest rates and ahead of Tuesday's balance of payments figures. The All Ordinaries index closed 1.4 lower at 1,558.1.

TOKYO: Share prices closed lower in thin trade after languishing all day, smothered by foreign brokers launching sell programmes. The Nikkei index eased 56.39 to close at 33,574.77.

HONG KONG: A softer tone in interest rates and New York's post-crash high sent local blue chips to their highest points since the China crisis caused the local market to plunge. The Hang Seng index rose 17.90 points to 2,516.11.

SINGAPORE: Bullish sentiment continued on the stock market and prices closed generally higher in active trading. The Straits Times industrial index hit another post-crash high of 1,363.50, up 9.77 points from Wednesday's close.

BOMBAY: The stock exchange was closed for the Muslim festival of Eid-Al-Adha.

FRANKFURT: A surge of foreign demand for West German banks and selected other blue chips boosted the market and pushed the Dax index one per cent higher to a new 1989 high of 1,531.58. It closed at 1,530.46, up 13.62 points from Thursday.

ZURICH: Swiss shares closed little changed in quiet, featureless trading as the market waited for the release of a batch of US economic data due in mid-afternoon. The All-Share Swiss performance index was one point up at 1,120.6.

PARIS: Stock prices were closed for Bastille Day.

LONDON: Share held firm in the afternoon supported by early strength on Wall Street after US data indicated a slowing economy. At 1530 GMT, the FTSE index was 30.5 points up at 2,288.5.

Who wants what ...

Economic summit

PARIS, July 14, (Reuters): The seven leading industrial democracies have similar goals for their economic summit which began today in Paris but are not united on how to achieve them.

Third World debt, the environment, China and economic and political reform in Eastern Europe are expected to dominate the three-day meeting.

The leaders also are expected to renew an April commitment by their finance ministers to co-ordinate economic policy and keep foreign exchange rates stable.

Here is a brief look at what each of the seven hopes to obtain:

■ **The United States:** Washington wants to find common ground on issues ranging from the environment to trade barriers. President George Bush, fresh from trip to Poland and Hungary, told reporters he will seek support for increased aid to those two countries to foster more political reform.

■ **France:** Hosting the summit, Paris wants to make ways to reduce the Third World's \$1.3-trillion debt burden a priority.

To ram home the message, President Francois Mitterrand has invited 30 other heads of state, many of them from developing countries, to Paris at the same time as the summit.

■ **Japan:** Prime Minister Soudouke Uno arrived in Paris worried that his colleagues were planning harsh measures against China in response to the violent crackdown on pro-democracy demonstrations. Tokyo has warned the other six of the danger of isolating China.

Tokyo intends to extend its 2-1/2-year-old plan to recycle its trade surplus back to the Third World and by significantly increasing its spending on the environment. On the eve of the summit, it also unveiled a \$2.3-billion plan to help protect the environment, much of it aimed at the Third World.

■ **West Germany:** Bonn has said the issues of pollution Third World debt must be high on the agenda. West German officials said Chancellor Helmut Kohl would press for an agreement on a quick ban on ozone-depleting chemicals.

■ **Britain:** London agrees broadly with environmental concerns but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has said existing organisations can be improved instead of setting up a new environmental agency.

Thatcher said in an interview with the French daily Le Monde that while China should be high on the agenda during the summit, she would not support calls for economic sanctions against Beijing.

■ **Italy:** Rome is expected to try to persuade other nations to launch a concerted attack on the laundering of drug money. But Italy will join the other leading the fight on the green issues.

■ **Canada:** Foreign Minister Joe Clark said Canada also wants the summit to agree on common standards for measuring environmental damage.

Gold tumbles

Dollar jumps

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): The dollar rose in Europe today after a fresh batch of US economic data indicated an easing of domestic inflationary pressures and a possible delay in lower interest rates, dealers said.

The US currency closed in London at 1.8995 West German marks and 140.35 Japanese yen after finishing at 1.8815 and 139.25 yesterday. Gold, reflecting the dollar's new strength, tumbled \$5.50 to close in London at \$370.50 an ounce.

A week ago gold had finished at 384.75 when the dollar was at a recent ebb following 2-1/2 year highs it had touched in mid-June when US interest rates were relatively higher.

In Washington, the Labour Department reported that the producer price index — annual inflation at the wholesale level — declined 0.1 per cent in June, its first fall in 18 months.

In a further sign of a weaker economy, the US Commerce Department said retail sales, dented by sharply lower car sales, fell 0.4 per cent in the same month.

One trader in Frankfurt said the dollar had climbed on relief that the slowdown in US growth had not been sharper.

Another suggested the dollar's afternoon climb indicated the basic tone of the market was slowly beginning to favour the dollar again. "We could move into a new range of 1.88/1.92 marks, with the dollar quite likely to move to the top of the range," he said.

Dealers said the dollar's afternoon climb provided the major activity in an otherwise dull trading day. The move prompted the US Federal Reserve to sell dollars for yen in European afternoon trading time, but dealers said they had seen no sign of West Germany's Bundesbank entering the market.

Trade remained cautious as dealers waited for fresh initiatives on currencies to emerge from this weekend's economic summit of the Group of Seven (G-7) industrial nations in Paris.

But most traders thought the summit was unlikely to produce anything new about the G-7's desired currency levels.

"The G-7 has managed to get the dollar within nice comfortable limits," said Harry Mundi, dealer at Security Pacific Bank in Frankfurt. "I do not think currencies are going to be a major topic at the summit."

Many dealers and economists were divided about whether the day's currency market activity heralded a longer-term trend.

"The focus is on cash flows. People feel the weakness of the (US) economy will lead to lower interest rates and so the bond market looks very attractive but it won't go that high," said a senior dealer at a US bank in London.

Some US economists felt the surge in the core rate of US producer prices in June might delay but not prevent the Federal Reserve, America's Central Bank, from a further easing cycle to ensure the economy's slowing did not become a severe downturn.

"The concern is that they don't let the soft landing turn into a crash landing," said Brian Fabbri, chief economist at Thomson McKinnon Securities Inc in New York.

Share prices moved sharply higher in London and Frankfurt on domestic factors. London's 100-share FTSE index, although well off the day's high of 2,289.5, still closed 15.7 points higher at 2,273.7 on news British annual inflation steadied at 8.3 per cent last month and on fresh speculation of corporate takeovers.

At New York's midday, the Dow Jones industrial average was down 16.32 points at 2,522 after a post-crash of '87 closing high of 2,538.32 on Thursday.

LONDON
(Alpha Stocks)

NAME	LAST	INCHCAPE	79.00
ABBEY NAT	146/0	JAGUAR	367/0
ADT LTD	180/0	KINGFISHER	335/0
ALD LYONS	511/0	LADBROKE	310/0
AMSTRAD	74.0	LAND SECS	612/0
ARGILL GP	225.0	LAPORTE	450/0
ASDA GP	189.0	LASMO	523.0
BAA	351.0	LEGAL-GEN	334/0
BAT INDS	880/0	LLOYDS BK	345/6
BARCLAYS	469/0	LUNN	294.0
BASS	056.0	LUCAS IND	630/0
BEAVER	186.0	MAGNET	302/0
BEECHAMS	623/0	MARKS+SP	208/0
BERISFORD	171/0	MAXWELL C	170/0
BICC PLC	517.0	MB GROUP	195.0
BLUE ARMY	101.0	MECCA LEI	168/0
BLUE CIRC	545/0	NEST	317/0
BOC GP	518/0	NEXT	143/0
BOOTS CO	285.0	NTH FOODS	346.0
BPB INDS	254/0	P & O DFD	673/0
BR CONN	168/0	PEARL	500/0
BR AIRWAY	209/0	PEARSON	760/0
BR AEROSP	720.0	PILKINGTON	244/0
BR GAS RG	194/0	PLESSEY	258.0
BR LAND	386/0	RACAL ELC	464/0
B.P.	300.0	RACAL TEL	466/0
BR STEEL	72.75	RANK HVS	407/0
BR TELCOM	267.0	RANK ORG	962/0
BUNZL	145/0	RCKITT+CO	230/0
BURMAN OL	620/0	REDLAND	616/0
BURTON	249/0	REED	432.0
CABLE&WIR	528/0	RMC GRP	756/0
CADBURYS	463/0	REUTERS	788/0
CALOR GRP	393/0	ROLLS ROY	504.0
CLRTN R.T	807/0	ROTHMAN B	627/0
COOKSONS	338.0	ROYAL INS	413/0
COURTAULD	381.0	SATCHEL	310/0
DALGETY	378.0	SAINSBURY	263.0
DIXONS	158.0	SEARS	126.0
ENG CHINA	492/0	SEGENWICK	253.0
ENTER OIL	629/0	SHELL	414.0
EXR BARCK	174.0	SLOUGH ES	376/0
FERRANTI	86.0	SMITH IND	320/0
FISONS	312/0	SMITH+NEPH	143/4
GATEWAY	231.0	STD CHART	517/0
GEN ACCIO	995.0	STC	370/0
GEN ELEC	257.0	STOREHOUSE	50.00
GLAXO	385/0	SUN ALLIA	298/0
GRANDADA	351.0	SUN LIFE	110/0
GLOBE	187/4	TARNAC	303/0
GLYNED	299.7	TATELEYS	287/0
GUARD RYL	220/0	TYLER WOOD	327/0
GUINNESS	528/0	TI GROUP	485/0
HARMON	813/0	TRAF	376.0
HARRISON C	223.5	TSE	105/0
HMSR SID	731/0	T+N	240.0
HILLSDON	287/0	TRUSTHSE	339/0
		ULTRAMAR	325/0
		UNILEVER	660/0
		UNMSPR	443/0
		WELLCOME	444/0
		WILLIAMS	254/0
		WILLIS FB	235.0
		WINPEGE	279.0

LONDON
(Beta Stocks)

NAME	CLOSE	OPEN
2ND ALLCE	966/0	965/0
600 GROUP	131/0	131/0
A.AMER TS	472/0	471/0
A.B.ELECT	374/0	375/0
A.S.W.HLD	263/0	263/0
AAB KENT	121/0	120/0
AAH HLD	410/0	410/0
ARMSTRONG	83/0	84/0
ADDISON	41/4	40/4
ADVEST	202/0	202/0
ALEX URKW	205/0	205/0
ALEXON	309/0	390/0
ALLO COLL	160/4	161/0
ALLD IR B	171/0	173/0
ALLO PART	74/4	75/0
ALLD TEXT	380/0	380/0
ALLIANCE	086/0	087/0
AMBER DAY	66/0	67/0
AMEC	465/0	465/0
AMER TST	158/0	158/4
AMERSHAM	472/0	472/0
AMH HLTIC	434/0	434/0
ANGLIA SC	221/0	220/0
ANGLIA TV	273/0	274/0
ANSBACHER	75/0	76/0
APPLEYARD	167/0	167/0
APV PLC	145/0	145/0
ASHLEY LA	103/0	102/0
ATTWOODS	463/0	463/0
AUST REED	408/0	405/0
AUTO SECS	305/0	305/0
AVESCO	153/0	153/0
AVIS EUR	427/0	426/0
AVON RUBB	537/0	537/0
B.WENHILL	270/0	270/0
BAILL JAP	535/0	535/0
BAILL SHI	95/0	95/0
BAIRD (W)	238/0	238/0
BARON GP	193/0	193/0
BART DEV	184/0	183/0
BAYNES C	34/0	34/0
BEAR GROUP	203/0	204/0
BEATTIE J	151/0	153/0
BELHAVEN	48/4	48/0
BELLWAY	230/0	230/0
BENROSE	244/0	245/0
BENLOX HD	69/0	69/0
BERKELEY	205/0	206/0
BHH GROUP	146/0	146/0
BK OF SCO	97/0	98/0
BLACK LE 2	8/6	8/4
BH GROUP	486/0	483/0
BINNETT +F	103/0	103/0
BOASE HAS	362/0	363/0
BODDINGTON	179/0	180/0
BOOTH SHOP	806/0	812/0
BOOT HENR	505/0	505/0

World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 300	1886.4	1886.0	1868.0	1707.9
FT 500 SHR	1286.73	1278.18	1276.98	1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1159.82	1152.58	1152.23	926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.46	86.14	86.06	87.30
FT GOLD MN	202.10	201.80	203.00	161.9
FT MINES F	673.71	673.17	675.06	653.25
FT OIL	2133.1	2126.2	2132.7	1978.9
FT MLD DLR	147.47	147.30	146.69	141.17
FT MLD STG	134.63	134.35	132.44	123.81
FT MLD LOC	138.85	138.81	137.56	129.77

London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS FIRM ON NEW ACCOUNT BUYING, WALL ST

LONDON, JULY 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES WERE FIRM OFF THE DAY'S HIGHS, WITH SUPPORT COMING FROM BUYING FOR THE NEW ACCOUNT AND WALL STREET'S EARLY GAINS.

WALL STREET ROSE AFTER ECONOMIC DATA SHOWED A SLOWING ECONOMY. EARLIER, AFTER GAINS ON BID SPECULATION, A SET OF ENCOURAGING U.K. INDICATORS HELPED THE MARKET.

CADBURRY SCHMPPES STOOD 30P FIRMER AT 461, HAVING REACHED 495P ON SPECULATION THAT SWISS CONFECTIONER JACOBS SUCHARD WAS POISED TO LAUNCH A BID FOR THE COMPANY.

AT 1520 GMT THE FTSE INDEX WAS 21.9 POINTS UP AT 2,280.0.

RECKITT AND COLMAN WAS 35P HIGHER AT 1,232. DEALERS SAID THAT DESPITE THE LARGE PRICE MOVEMENT, TRADING VOLUME WAS LIMITED.

ONE TRADER SAID, "RECKITT IS A TIGHT MARKET - YOU VERY OFTEN GET LARGE SWINGS IN PRICE WITH VERY SMALL TRADES GOING THROUGH THE MARKET."

ABBEY NATIONAL WAS A PENNY FIRMER AT 147-1/2P AFTER EARLIER NEWS THAT FROM MONDAY IT WILL REPLACE GATEWAY IN THE FTSE 100 SHARE INDEX. DEALERS SAID THAT INDEX FUND MANAGERS WILL NEED TO BUY ABBEY STOCK IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN A COMPLETE PORTFOLIO OF FTSE STOCKS.

London Gold

LONDON, JULY 14, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES STABILISED DURING LATE TRADING, HOLDING ABOVE EARLIER THREE WEEK LOWS, BUT CLOSED 5.50 DLRS AN OUNCE EASTER THAN THURSDAY.

SUPPORT WAS SEEN AROUND 370 DLRS AS GOLD CLOSED AT 370.25/370.75 DLRS AN OUNCE, AROUND 1.25 DLRS ABOVE THE LOW.

DEALERS SAID THE PRESSURE THIS AFTERNOON STEMMED FROM THE FIRMNESS OF THE DOLLAR AND A FALL IN THE JUNE U.S. PRODUCER PRICE INDEX, WHICH CALMED FEARS OF INFLATION.

BUT GOLD HAS BEEN FALLING ALL WEEK, AND TODAY'S DATA MERELY PROVIDED FURTHER DOWNSIDE PRESSURE, WITH SHORT-TERM SENTIMENT BEARISH, THEY SAID.

London Money Market

LONDON, JULY 14, REUTER - U.K. MONEY RATES EASED THROUGH THE DAY IN RESPONSE TO ECONOMIC INDICATORS RELEASED HERE AND IN THE U.S., WHICH DEALERS SAID TENDED TO SUPPORT THE VIEW THAT THE EXPANSION OF BOTH ECONOMIES MAY BE SLOWING OR ABOUT TO DO SO.

THE YEAR INTERBANK RATE WAS 3/16 LOWER THAN THURSDAY'S CLOSE IN LATE TRADE AT 13-1/2 3/8 PCT, AS SOME DEALERS PUT MORE EMPHASIS ON LENDING AT THE LONGER END IN THE BELIEF THAT INTEREST RATES LOOK SET TO FALL IN THE LONG TERM.

HOWEVER, MANY TRADERS SAID A CUT IN THE 14 PCT BASE RATE WAS LIKELY TO BE A LONG WAY OFF. THE THREE MONTHS INTERBANK RATE WAS 1/16 OFF AT 13-13/16 11/16.

Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPH
DLR	1.6205/10	1.8885/05	6.4080/10	OPH
STG	1.6210/20	3.057/071	10.3885/4035	NOON
DMK	1.8855/8935		29.385/543	FIX
FFR	1	DAY		FIX
SFR	1.6322/6332	2.6461/6494	86.36/46	25.45/47
HFL	2.1300	3.4560	112.77	33.23
ECU	1.09573	0.675960	2.07060	7.02911
SDR	1.27708	0.786137	2.39567	8.13245
YEN	139.70/80	226.45/75		CLSE
SDR RATE	13/07/1989	OTHERS	14/07/1989	NOON

BORTHWICK	42/0	42/0	HEPMORTH	280/0	279/0	ROCKFORT	89/0	89/0
BR ARROW	113/0	113/0	HESTAIR	230/0	230/0	ROSEHAUGH	642/0	643/0
BR ASSETS	81/4	81/4	HEYWOOD W	273/0	273/0	ROTHSCHILD	233/0	234/0
BR DREDDI	174/0	174/0	HICKS IN	273/0	273/0	ROTHKOPF	164/0	164/0
BR VITA	281/0	280/0	HIGGS HILL	327/0	327/0	RUGBY GRP	198/0	198/0
BRENT CHE	138/0	138/0	HIMROD CTY	46/0	47/0	SATLAND T	41/0	41/0
BRENT MCR	386/0	386/0	HIMROD ZOP	229/0	229/0	SAFIA GRP	300/0	300/0
BRIDON	204/0	204/0	HNTRY SPHR	151/0	151/0	SALE TINTN	198/0	198/0
BRITANNIC SE	188/0	188/0	HOLMES PR	80/0	80/0	SALVENSEN	151/0	151/0
BRITANNIC	440/0	440/0	HOKDEN GP	160/0	161/0	SAVILLE G	65/0	66/0
BRIXTON E	219/0	220/0	HOKDEN GP	80/0	80/0	SAVAGE PA*	878/0	875/0
BRN & JAC	43/0	43/4	HRDY.ORGES	146/0	147/0	SCOT I.T.	159/0	160/0
BROWN SHI	350/0	350/0	HTV GROUP	99/0	98/0	SCOT MET	164/0	165/0
BRYANT GP	105/0	106/0	I.CE.FZ.	347/0	346/0	SCOT MORT	132/0	132/0
BSG INTL	80/4	80/4	JMRY M.DV	610/0	606/0	SCOT.AM.I	115/0	116/0
BUDGENS	114/0	114/0	JNDPNT PD	15/0	15/0	SCOT.E.T.	170/0	170/0
BULLOUGH	181/0	182/0	JNOCO PLC	36/4	36/4	SCOT NAT C	56/0	56/0
BULMER HP	182/0	182/0	JNT.BU.CO	144/0	145/0	SCOT NAT I	94/0	94/0
CAIRO GRP	518/0	515/0	JNT.CITY	52/0	53/0	SECS TST	65/0	65/0
CALENDONIA	374/0	375/0	JHNS&FIR	64/6	65/0	SELCTV 1P	16/0	16/0
CAMB ELEC	211/0	211/0	JOS HDGFS	152/0	152/0	SEMA GRP	322/0	322/0
CANFORD E	295/0	295/0	KALAMAZOO	30/4	31/0	SHANDWICK	135/0	135/0
CANNING W	285/0	282/0	KALON GRP	42/0	42/4	SHERATON	93/0	93/0
CANNON ST	218/0	218/0	KELT ENGY	54/0	55/0	SHERI INV	249/0	250/0
CAP.RADIO	797/0	797/0	KETSON	15/0	15/0	SHIRE ENH	403/0	404/0
CARADON	327/0	325/0	KLMT CH'S	149/0	149/4	SINGERFER	76/0	77/0
CARLCO EN	134/0	133/0	KLMT O'S	159/0	159/0	SMITH D	361/0	368/0
CATTLE HD	69/0	70/0	KLMT SML	189/0	189/0	SPRING RAM	118/0	119/0
CAULDON	12/4	12/4	KNK SAC	492/0	493/0	SPRX-SARC	244/0	244/0
CHAM PHRR	214/0	213/0	KUJK-FIT	113/0	113/0	ST.ANDREW	223/0	223/0
CHARTERHA	24/6	24/4	LAING 'A'	312/0	322/0	ST.WOODEN	43/0	43/0
CHORISTE	39/4	40/0	LAING ORD	329/0	330/0	STAKIS	104/0	104/0
CHRISTIES	289/0	288/0	LAING PRP	524/0	523/0	STEETLEY	429/0	429/0
CI GROUP	50/0	50/0	LAIRD GRP	257/0	257/0	STHEND PR	228/0	228/0
CLAYFORD	329/0	325/0	LAURANCE W	143/0	143/0	STODDARD	44/0	44/0
CNTRY SEC	58/0	58/4	LDN & MET	191/0	191/0	STORMHAR	18/0	18/0
CNTRY OIL	162/0	161/0	LDN ATLANT	79/0	79/0	STURGE HD	276/0	275/0
COALITE	458.0	456.0	LDN INTL	245/0	246/0	T.E.P.EUR	162/0	163/0
COATES BR	284/0	282/0	LDN UTD	65/0	65/0	T.I.L.BEX	48/0	48/0
COLOROLL	146/0	147/0	LDNEDINE	152/0	153/0	TELEBA BA	258/0	258/0
CONNELLS	205/0	205/0	LEISURE I	88/0	88/0	THAMES TV	405/0	405/0
COOPER F	132/0	132/0	LEP GROUP	170/0	171/0	THORNTON	144/0	144/0
COSTAIN	322/0	321/0	LEF SERVC	376/0	375/0	THROGHTN	90/0	91/0
COURTS FR	197/0	195/0	LIFE SCIE	78/0	78/0	TICE RACK	76/0	77/0
COMIE (T)	140/0	140/0	LITLEY	7/0	8	TILBURY	653.0	650/0
CRH	202/0	203/0	LIT	123/0	123/0	TIME PROD	204/0	205/0
CRODA INT	207/0	207/0	LLOYD THP	220/0	220/0	TIPHOOK	470/0	468/0
CRYSTAL	120/0	120/0	LOGICA	339/0	337/0	TOKNINS F	249/0	248/0
CTRY PROP	234/0	237/0	LOVELL HD	260/0	261/0	TOOTAL	121/0	121/0
DARES EST	34/6	34/6	LOW (CND)	276/0	275/0	TOZER K&M	123/0	122/0
DAVIS CORP	174/0	173/0	LOWBONNER	218/0	218/0	TR CITY	94/0	95/0
DAVY CORP	258/0	258/0	N&G GROUP	333/0	334/0	TR PACIFIC	87/4	87/0
DAMSON GP	138/0	135/0	N.C.C.PACIF	232/0	233/0	TR PROPTY	62/4	62/4
DELTA GRP	346/0	350/0	N.L.L.HDGS	137/0	138/0	TR TRSTEE	159/0	159/0
DEVENISH	310/0	310/0	NACFARTY	249/0	250/0	TRIMCO	35/4	35/0
DEWINTER	41/4	41/0	NACFARLINEE	236/0	236/0	TRIPLEX	174/0	174/0
DIPLOMA	222/0	222/0	NAT	102/0	101/0	TRITON ER	199/0	200/0
DIPLOMA PK	98/4	98/0	NAJEDIE	254/0	254/0	TRSPRT DV	282/0	283/0
DONPAS GR	357/0	357/0	NANDERS	210/0	210/0	U-BORLAND	83/0	83/0
DONINGHAM	79/0	79/0	HARLEY	155/0	155/0	U-BRD ST	38/0	38/0
DONNY GRP	277/0	277/0	MATTHEWS	70/0	70/0	U-BROADMUL	245/0	245/0
DRAYTON FE	434/0	435/0	MAUNDERS	105/0	106/0	U-CITYSVN	197/0	198/0
DRAYTON C	553/0	553/0	NCKECHNIE	303/0	303/0	U-DUNBARO	204/0	203/0
DRG	528/0	528/0	NEENZIES	354/0	354/0	U-DELEY W	111/0	111/0
DUKEMISTR	71/0	71/0	MERCHIN TST	190/0	190/4	U-DURHAM	52/0	53/0
DUNDEE LD	325/0	325/0	MERLIN IN	82/0	82/0	U-EXPLAUR	49/4	49/4
DUNHILL	342/0	342/0	METAL CLS	172/0	171/0	U-FERRARI	10/4	10/4
EAGLE TST	17/6	17/4	METALRAX	92/0	91/0	U-FLOYD E	24/0	24/0
EDIN T	201/0	201/0	MEYER INT	382/0	382/0	U-FRD SD	132/0	130/0
EDMUND HD	41/4	41/0	MLHSMHNR	229/0	220/0	U-HM PT	226/0	226/0
ELECTROCH	302/0	303/0	MOMKIS TR	287/0	287/0	U-HUGH.HT	182/0	182/0
ENAP	217/0	218/0	MORGAN CR	279/0	279/0	U-HUGHES	36/0	36/0
EMESS	141/0	142/0	MORGAN FA	284/0	284/0	U-ISRAEL	21/4	21/4
EMPIRE ST	176/0	175/0	MORLAND	753/0	745/0	U-KUNICK	64/0	64/0
ENG.INT.J	305/0	303/0	MOUNTLEIG	164/4	167/0	U-LDN FRF	109/0	108/0
ETAM	199/0	198/0	MOULEN J	407/0	407/0	U-MICROVT	38/0	39/0
EURO.HOME	201/0	200/0	MRRY INCT	222/0	222/4	U-MOLINAR	31/0	31/0
EUROTHERM	318/0	318/0	MRRY INTL	221/4	221/4	U-MONMNT	26/0	26/0
EURTEL UT	099/0	098/0	NS INTL	148/0	148/0	U-MRRTYUN	383/0	380/0
EURLIN	84/4	84/4	N.BRIT CA	425/0	425/0	U-N.SEAAG	39/0	39/0
EVODR GP	179/0	178/0	NAT.TELCM	114/0	112/0	U-PAVION	3/6	4/2
EX.CO.LOU	249/0	249/0	NEUMARTILL	413/0	375/0	U-RDSNTHT	309/0	309/0
EXPANET	228/0	227/0	NORCROS	306/0	306/0	U-SAC INT	106/0	109/0
F&C ENTER	34/0	34/0	NORFOLK C	36/4	36/4	U-STH BUS	485/0	485/0
F&C ENTER	312/0	312/0	NORMANS	61/0	61/0	U-STHPOHE	210/0	210/0
F&C PACIF	185/0	186/0	NORTHAMBR	262/0	261/0	U-TRIND W	27/0	27/0
F&C SMLLR	86/0	86/0	NORTH PPK	164/0	165/0	U-TRINWOOD	53/0	53/0
F&C ELEC	165/0	165/0	NSN CL	115/4	115/4	U-UTIC GRP	192/0	192/0
F&C F&E	239/0	240/0	NURDNEPCO	176/4	177/0	U-UTC GRP	159/0	159/0
F&C F&E	181/0	181/0	O'SEAS IT	234/4	236/0	U-WMS LEI	32/0	32/0
F&C F&E	174/0	174/0	OCEAN TPT	350/0	347/0	UTD.INDUS	520/0	523/0
F&C F&E	247/0	256/0	OCEANICS	29/0	29/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	270/0	270/0	OSSORY EST	23/4	23/4	UTD.INDUS	67/0	67/0
F&C F&E	90/0	90/0	OWNERS AB	78/0	78/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	114/0	115/0	OXFORD JNS	270/0	271/0	UTD.SCIEN	67/0	67/0
F&C F&E	285/0	285/0	P & O MTS	111/0	111/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	111/4	111/4	P & P PLC	222/0	223/0	UTD.SCIEN	67/0	67/0
F&C F&E	162/4	162/0	PACIFIC A	242/0	241/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	148/0	148/0	PAGE (N)	51/0	51/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	239/0	240/0	PENTLAND	109/0	106/4	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	196/4	196/4	PENTOS PLC	110/0	110/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	196/0	196/0	PERGAMON	62/0	63/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	282/0	282/0	PERRY GRP	206/0	207/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	536/0	536/0	PERSIMMON	150/0	150/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	97/0	97/0	PHOENIX	75/0	76/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	38/0	38/0	PICKWICK	221/0	220/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	218/0	218/0	PIRELL D	395/0	396/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	529/0	527/0	PRESTWICH	168/0	133/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	305/0	304/0	PRIEST (S)	215/4	22/6	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	575/0	578/0	PROSECUR	208/0	208/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	69/0	69/0	PROUDFOOT	263/0	263/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	413/0	413/0	PROV FINL	340/0	341/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	146/4	147/0	RAINE IND	91/0	92/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	600/0	600/0	RANSMOS	215/0	215/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	385/0	386/0	RATNERS	269/0	268/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	277/0	277/0	RECH O&N	705/0	705/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	213/0	213/0	REFUGEE GP	492/0	490/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	283/0	283/0	REGALION	107/0	106/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	838/0	840/0	REIGHTCR	83/0	84/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	71/0	71/0	REINOLD	97/0	96/4	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	257/0	258/0	RENTOKIL	338/0	340/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	446/0	465/0	ROBINSON	484/0	484/0	UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	31/4	32/0				UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0
F&C F&E	342/0	342/0				UTD.SCIEN	136/0	136/0

International Bond Highlights

PRESIDENT George Bush and his Secretary of State James Baker held talks with Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari on Friday. The US government is considering offering a bridge loan of up to two billion dollars for Mexico to help short-term financing needs once it reaches a debt agreement with creditor banks, a US Treasury spokesman said.

Bush later assured Mexico that G-7 countries will issue a joint statement supporting Mexico's stand in current debt negotiations with commercial banks, a Mexican spokesman said.

White House chief of staff John Sununu said the United States agreed that there was no obligation to achieve an agreement on Mexican debt relief by the end of the summit.

President Francois Mitterrand said that France would make a contribution in the next few days to relieving the Mexican debt situation.

UK Chancellor Nigel Lawson said Britain was prepared to back a Paris Club rescheduling for Poland even before an IMF-backed reform programme was "fully buttoned up".

London: Redland Overseas Funding PLC is issuing a 100 mln Australian dollar Eurobond due July 30, 1992 paying a coupon of 16 pct and priced at 101.5/8 pct, lead manager J.P. Morgan Securities said.

Tokyo: Peninsula and Oriental Steam Navigation Co (P&O) of London is likely to sign on July 27 for a 150 mln dir, 14-year nine-months Shogun convertible bond issue, capital market sources here said.

BOMBAY

PR. CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	88	88.50	89	NK IRON	133	132	133
ACC	312	309	308	GNFC	34.50	34	34.25	NAT INDEX	390.26	392.20
ALEM CHEN	---	---	---	GRASIM	129	128.50	129	NIPPON	34.50	35
ALU MIS	---	---	---	GSFC	158.75	157.50	156.75	NOCIL	980	960
ARI FAB	---	---	---	GUJ ALK	68.50	68.25	68.75	ORFAY	17.50	17
ASHOK LEY	78.50	78	79	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	10.00	10.50	OSMAL AGRO	73	72.50
ASIA PAINT	193.75	195	193.75	HERO HONDA	20.50	20	21	PELCO	19	18.50
ATLAS COP	38.50	37	38	HIND CIBA	880	870	880	PFIZER	68.50	67
AUTO CORP	67	67	68	HIND COCOA	113.75	112.50	113.75	PONDS	174	175
BAJAJ AUTO	362.50	362.50	360	HIND LEVER	94.25	94	95	PREM AUTO	52	52
BAR RAYON	651.25	550	560	HIND MOTOR	36.50	36.75	37	RANBAXY	85	80
BK BOND	84	83	84	HINDALCO	308.75	308.75	310	RAJ MOOL	83	82
BLM PLAST	---	---	---	HOECHST	710	710	750	RECKITT	187.50	182.50
BON DYE	139	135	134	IND RAYON	39	38	39	RELANCE	124.50	123
BSE INDEX	756.16	762.86	762.86	IND RAYON	62	61	60	SESA DOA	42	41.50
BURR MEL	207.50	212.50	207.50	INDRUL	295	292.50	290	SIAM MALL	---	---
CANHARA	185.50	180	185	INDRUL	400	395	397.50	SIEMENS	70	68
CEN ENKA	2760	2720	2750	ITC	114	114	115.50	SKF	1320	1300
CEN SPG	1985	1965	1950	JK SYN	79	78	81	SPIC	52	53.75
COLGATE	320	321.75	320	KIN ENGG	170	167.50	170	ST MILLS	340	340
CROFT GR	1375	1340	1370	KIR CUMM	56	58	57	TATA CHEN	124	123
DCM	11	10.50	10.50	KSR PUMPS	390	385	390	TATA OIL	70	71.25
DEEP FERT	30.50	30.50	31.25	L AND T	93	93	93	TATA POW	385	380
DUNLOP	80	78	80	LIPTON	74	73	74	TELCO	995	985
EI HOTELS	62.50	60	62.50	MAD RUSSEL	117.50	115	115	THAPP AGRO	---	---
ESCORTS	69.50	68.50	70	NAC COATS	106	104	106	TISCO	1432	1426
ESKATVEE	125	125	122.50	MAHINDRA	98	88	90	VAM ORG	169	169.50
ESSAR SPG	24.75	24.75	26	MAS SHARE	18.35	18.25	18.50	VAREL	22.50	22
FOOD SPL	167.50	166.25	167.50	NICO	650	---	---	VOLTA	850	850
FORBES	50	49	50	NILKFOOD	205	200	205	VINCO	17.50	17.75
GAR POLY	63.75	63.50	64	MOOI	83	81.50	85	ZENITH	57	55
GE SHIPPING	41	40.75	41	MRF LTD	---	---	---	ZUARI AGRO	74	75

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AEG	206.6
ALLIANZ VR	210.0
BADENWERK	220.0
BASF	291.0
BAYER	293.5
BAYER HYP	439.0
BAYER VER	422.5
BBC	450.0
BHF	494.0
BHW	587.0
COMMERZBANK	282.0
CONTI GUMM	317.0
DATHEM BER	709.5
DEUTSCHE BIK	654.5
DLW	560.0
DRESNER B	359.5
DT BARCKLOD	206.0
FAZ INDEX	630.17
FELDAWHL	380.6
GLDSCHEIDT	415.0
HARPER	294.0
HOECHST AG	234.5
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HORTEN	284.0
HUSSEL HLD	659.0
KALI SALZ	216.2
KARSTADT	592.5
KLAUFHOF	525.2
KLOECK H	182.0
KLOECK V	157.5
LINDE	742.0
LUFTHANSA	181.5
NAN	321.5
NANNESEN	231.3
MERCEDES	544.9
METALLURG	458.0
NIXDORF PF	327.0
NOBK H	47.60
PHILIP KHM	538.5
PREUSSAG	772.0
PREUSSAG	772.0
PVA	301.0
RHEINMETAL	401.0
RUE	338.0
RUE P	278.5
SALAMANDER	343.0
SCHERING	656.0
SEL	317.0
SIEMENS	599.5
THYSEN	225.5
VARTA	372.5
VEBA	331.8
VEW	214.5
VOLKSWAGEN	423.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
BANK EA	14.80
CATHAY	8.50
CANVINDISH	297
CHUNG K	7.80
CHINA L-P	12.10
DAIRY FARM	695
EVERSO IND	2.17
GT EAGLE	0
HACCO	516.11
HANG LUNG	4.35
HENDERSON	4.40
HK BANK	5.60
HK ELEC	7.50
HK GAS	17.30
HK LAND	7.90
HK TELECOM	4.87
HOPEWELL	4.90
HS BANK	2.30
HUTCHINSON	21.00
HYSON DEV	8.20
JAR MATH	1.26
JSI	19.60
KA BUS	11.70
LAI SUN	7.25
MANDARIN O	128
MIRAMAR	5.80
NEW WORLD	9.35
PAUL Y CON	.92
SHK PROP	9.35
STELLAR	2.10
STRATE A	15.60
TU CHEUNG	4.02
TV-B	1.06
WAPF	8.15
WINDOR	8.65
WORLD INTL	3.47

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR-CLSE
AJUNIMOTO	2620
AKAI ELEC	751
AKO	1330
ASAHI GLS	2320
ASAHI OPT	938
BANK TOKYO	1660
BRISTOWEN	1620
CANON	1790
CASIO COMP	1410
CHUGAI PHM	1810
CITIZEN W	1100
D-ICHI KAN	3320
DAI NIP IT	877
DAI NIP PT	2290
DAI NIP SC	1330
DAI NIP TO	950
DAI NIP TO	1110
DAI NIP TO	2140
DAI NIP TO	2220
DAI NIP TO	2330
DAI NIP TO	1960
DAI NIP TO	1960
DAI NIP TO	2470
DAI NIP TO	3950
DAI NIP TO	1180
DAI NIP TO	16000
DAI NIP TO	1090
DAI NIP TO	2150
DAI NIP TO	4510
DAI NIP TO	1710
DAI NIP TO	1190
DAI NIP TO	935
DAI NIP TO	1890
DAI NIP TO	1230
DAI NIP TO	1180
DAI NIP TO	6260
DAI NIP TO	1870
DAI NIP TO	2800
DAI NIP TO	2390
DAI NIP TO	0
DAI NIP TO	1070

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE LOWER IN EXTREMELY THIN TRADE

TOKYO, JULY 14, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED EASIER IN EXTREMELY THIN TRADE AFTER LANGUISHING ALL DAY, SMOTHERED BY FOREIGN BROKERS LAUNCHING SELL PROGRAMS AT EACH SIGN OF LIFE.

"THIS SCARED A LOT OF TRADERS AWAY," SAID CRAIG CHUDLER, MARKET STRATEGIST FOR SMITH NEW COURT. "IT WAS A NO-GO DAY."

MOST PLAYERS WITHDREW TO THE SIDELINES AHEAD OF THE WEEKEND AND U.S. ECONOMIC INDICATORS DUE OUT LATER TODAY.

"IT'S THE SAME STORY -- INSTITUTIONS ARE SILENT, AND WITHOUT THEM THE MARKET CAN'T REALLY RECOVER," A TRADER SAID.

THE KEY 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX EASED 56.39 POINTS TO CLOSE AT 33,574.77 AFTER SLIPPING 70.36 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

THE INDEX LOST A TOTAL OF 129.20 POINTS IN THE WEEK, FINISHING WITH THREE STRAIGHT DAYS OF DECLINES.

VOLUME WAS EXTREMELY LIGHT, ABOUT 330 MLN SHARES AGAINST 550 MLN ON THURSDAY.

STEELS WERE DRIVEN UP EARLY THIS WEEK BY BROKERS, BOTH FOR QUICK PROFIT AND TO RESCUE CLIENTS STILL HOLDING THE SHARES AT HIGH PRICES. BUT HEAVY SELLING PRESSURE PUSHED STEEL PRICES DOWN AGAIN ON THURSDAY AND TODAY, TRADERS SAID.

"PEOPLE HAVE RETURNED TO BUYING LAGGING INDIVIDUAL SHARES, ATTRACTIVE BECAUSE OF LOW (PRICE/EARNINGS) RATIOS," SAID SHIGEKU AKIBA, TRADER FOR UBS PHILLIPS AND DREW INTERNATIONAL.

THE BROADER FIRST SECTION INDEX, OR TOPIX, EASED 4.59 POINTS TO 2,509.38 AFTER SLIPPING 2.13 POINTS ON THURSDAY.

FALLS LED RISES NEARLY SEVEN TO FIVE, WITH 481 ISSUES LOWER, 350 HIGHER AND 246 UNCHANGED.

INVESTORS ARE WATCHING TODAY'S U.S. PRODUCER PRICE AND OTHER INDICATORS TO SEE IF THEY AFFECT THE DOLLAR OR ENCOURAGE THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD TO CUT THE FED FUNDS RATE, THE RATE IT CHARGES ON OVERNIGHT LOANS TO BANKS, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET EXPECTS THE FIGURES TO SHOW THE U.S. ECONOMY IS SLOWING, LEADING TO LOWER INTEREST RATES," SAID KENZO DOI, HEAD OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION FOR KOKUSAI SECURITIES.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, JULY 14, REUTER - A SOFTER TONE IN INTEREST RATES AND NEW YORK'S NEW POST-CRASH HIGH SENT LOCAL BLUE CHIPS TO THEIR HIGHEST POINTS SINCE THE CHINA CRISIS IN JUNE CAUSED THE LOCAL MARKET TO PLUNGE, DEALERS SAID.

THE HANG SENG INDEX ROSE 17.90 POINTS TO 2,516.11.

"THE INDEX DID BREAK THE 2,500 KEY POINT, BUT THIS WAS NOT ACCOMPANIED BY A REASONABLE TURNOVER. THIS WOULD MEAN THAT BUYING WAS DRYING OUT AFTER THE SHARP RISE," SAID MANAGING DIRECTOR OF ROTEC SECURITIES, LEONG KA CHAI.

THE INDEX HAS RISEN 245 POINTS, OR 10.8 PCT, IN THE LAST NINE TRADING DAYS.

AMMAN

As of 12.7.89	OPEN	CLOSE
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	---	---
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	---	---
ARAB BANK	---	---
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	---	---
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	---	---
ARAB INSURANCE	---	---
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	---	---
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INT. HOTELS	---	---
ARAB JOR/INVT/BK	---	---
ARAB PAPER COM/TRA	0.35	0.34
ARAB PHARMA/MANF.	---	---
ARAB PHARMA/CHEN	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	---	---
BEIT AL-NAL/BEITNA	1.26	1.26
BELGIUM INSURANCE	0.95	1.00
CATRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.34	0.34
DAR ALDAMA DV/INV.	---	---
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	---	---
FINANCE/CREDIT/COR	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.50	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMEN MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	---	---
INDUSTRIAL DEVLPT BAK	1.63	1.70
INDUSTRIAL/COM/AGR.	---	---
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.81	0.81
ISLANIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH	---	---
J.TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTOR	---	---
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	25.05	25.05
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.11	1.07
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.18	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	---	---
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIN BRICK	---	---
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	---	---
JOR PAPER CARDBRGG	---	---
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	4.10	4.15
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	---	---
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	---	---
JOR SECURIT CORP	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	---	---
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	---	---
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.79	4.75
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	---	---
JOR. PETROLIUM REF	---	---
JOR. FRENCH INS.	2.68	2.65
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	---	---
JORDAN GULF REAL	---	---
JORDAN GULF BANK	---	---
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	---	---
JORDAN ISLANIC BHK	2.20	2.24
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	---	---
JORDAN TANNING	1.96	2.00
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.71	0.74
MACH/EQU/RENT/MAIN	---	---
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.73	0.73
MID EAST EXCHANGE	1.17	1.11
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.55	0.55
MIDDLE EAST INS	2.00	1.90
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.79	0.83
NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.89	1.86
NAT/CABLE/WIRE/HF	---	---
NATIONAL ARLIA INS	---	---
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	1.00	0.95
NATIONAL STEEL	2.68	2.67
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	2.25	2.20
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	---	---
PRECAST CONCRETE	---	---
RAFFIA INDUSTRIAL	1.91	1.91
REAL ESTATE INV.	---	---
SPINNING WEAVING	---	---
THE HOUSING BANK	---	---
UNITED INSURANCE	1.21	1.22
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	---	---
UNIVERSAL INS.	0.65	0.68
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.85	0.85
YARMOUK INSURANCE	1.35	1.35

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR	BC-A	82.50	83.00	82.50
STOCK BUY	SELL	OPEN	---	---
AC-A	22.00	22.25	21.00	---
ANS	2.60	2.65	2.70	---
GLO	23.50	24.00	---	---
PLDT	332.50	335.00	330.00	---
KPSI-A	3.80	3.85	---	---
SMC-A	73.00	73.50	71.50	---
SMC-B	97.00	97.00	---	---
MINING SECTOR	---	---	---	---
APX-A	.014	.015	---	---
APX-B	.015	.016	---	---
AT-A	36.00	37.50	36.00	---

Makati Stock Market Report

OFFICIAL INFORMATION	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
C/I	1,996,185	36,753,000	1,304.67	27.26 UP
MINING	73,198,350	4,916,650	4,889.45	18.81 DN
OIL	779,900,000	20,126,400	7,418	0.179 DN
TOTAL	855,094,535	61,794,050	1,038.57	1.62 DN

PHILIPPINES MANILA

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	81.00	81.50	81.50
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-B	83.00		
SMC-A	73.00	73.50	71.50	LC-A	.25	.26	.25
SMC-B	96.00		95.00	LC-B	.25	.27	.26
PLDT	335.00	337.50	332.50	ZIP		.01	.01
ANS-A		2.60	2.65				
ANS-B	2.80	3.50					
ACO	22.00	22.25	21.00	OIL SECTOR			
GLD	23.50	24.00	23.50	STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN
FER-A	1.98	2.00	1.98	BP-A	.013	.014	.014
FER-B	2.00	2.16		BP-B	.014	.015	.015
				LRC-A	.0036	.0038	.0036
				LRC-B	.0036	.0038	
MINING SECTOR				OPN-A	.049	.05	.05
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	OPN-B	.05	.0525	.0525
APX-A	.014	.015	.015	OV-A	.042	.043	.045
APX-B	.015	.016	.015	OV-B	.043	.044	.044
AT-A	36.50	37.00	36.50	TA	.024	.025	.025
AT-B	37.00	37.50	37.50				

US eases security rules on exports

WASHINGTON, July 14, (AP): The Commerce Department yesterday announced easing of security rules on the sale of \$20 to 30 billion worth of US goods a year to 18 big trading countries.

The rules are designed to keep strategic products out of the hands of the Soviet Union and its allies.

The countries are: Belgium, Luxembourg, Canada, Denmark, West Germany, France, Greece, Italy, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Turkey, Britain, Australia, Switzerland and Finland.

All but the last two are military allies of the United States. They belong to the co-ordinating committee on multilateral export controls, COCOM, a semi-secret organisation in Paris.

Switzerland and Finland were judged by US authorities to have adopted control systems effective enough so that the two countries were included in the new rules though they do not belong to COCOM.

Goods affected are "dual-use" items, which can be used for civilian or military purposes. Among them are most kinds of computers, telephone switching equipment and some types of machine tools.

Commerce Department licenses will no longer be required for export of these goods, nor will the 18 governments any longer have to ask US permission to re-export the goods to one another — though they will still have to ask if they want to sell them outside the group.

Approval from the United States will still be needed for trade within the group of some items produced in this country, including supercomputers and "surveillance interception devices" — equipment for secret listening to communications.

"These rules have the potential of eliminating thousands of licenses each year without compromising our national security," said James Lemunyon, deputy assistant secretary for export administration, in a statement issued by the Commerce Department.

US exporters have long complained about the time and paper-work consumed in asking for export licenses, especially when other governments permitted similar goods to be sold freely. Allied governments complained that the United States was exercising its authority beyond its own borders by limiting their trade with one another — a practice widely criticized by international lawyers as "extraterritoriality."

North Korean economy looks West

PYONGYANG, July 14, (Reuters): "Problems?" queried the guide showing visitors the North Korean capital. "What problems?"

But after giving the slip to official watch-dogs, foreign visitors to Pyongyang can soon see for themselves — 300 people queuing patiently to buy shampoo, another hundred for ice-cream, children's clothes costing more than a week's wages, crowded buses.

In the official media North Korea is hailed as a "workers paradise," a land of plenty with no taxes and no rent to pay.

But talk to foreign residents and they say the economy is suffering from stagnation, desperate power shortages, rationing, unpaid debts and an inability to feed the country's 20 million people without importing food.

During a week's visit to this isolated country, interviews with some officials did produce unusually frank admissions of the problems North Korea is facing — and a strong desire to expand economic ties with the West to solve them.

"We are ready to develop trade with capitalist countries. The earth is getting smaller and humanity cannot but co-operate," said foreign trade official Kim Jong-Moon.

Kim, a widely travelled spokesman for North Korea's Committee for Promotion of International Trade, recognised that the biggest hurdle to closer economic ties with the West was unpaid debts which he said totalled "several billion dollars."

Diplomats estimate North Korea owes \$5 to 7 billion to the West and much more to its communist allies.

Kim confirmed that Pyongyang had even failed to honour some of its own government-backed letters of credit.

"We are determined to repay the debts in the near future," Kim Song-Hwan, deputy minister of the newly established Joint Industry Ministry, told reporters.

\$186m World Bank loans for Third World

WASHINGTON, July 14, (UPI): The World Bank yesterday announced \$186 million loans to developing countries, with the bulk going to Tunisia and Jamaica, and said bank president Barber B. Conable will travel to Morocco and Algeria.

The multilateral organisation's chief will visit Rabat, capital of Morocco, July 19, the bank said in a statement issued yesterday.

The North African country was recently added to US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's list of developing countries that can benefit from World Bank

and the International Monetary Fund support to reduce their debt to private banks. Morocco has an external debt of \$21 billion.

During his three-day visit, Conable will meet with the Moroccan authorities and representatives of the business community, focusing on the bank's support for the government's economic development objectives.

Recently, the bank approved a \$200 million structural adjustment loan to support Morocco's efforts at fiscal reform, improve economic efficiency and restore the country's credit in international financial markets.

Conable will arrive in Algiers, capital of Algeria, July 22, where he will also meet with government officials and representatives of the business community to review the country's efforts to reform its largely government-controlled economy.

The collapse of oil prices in 1986, coupled with the imminent maturity of a significant portion of Algeria's \$23 billion debt, has imposed severe external resource constraints on the country, the bank said.

To restore growth, the Algerian government is trying to make the economy more decentralised and market-oriented,

the bank noted.

Separately, the bank announced several loans for developing countries:

■ A \$130 million loan to Tunisia will support the North African country's efforts to reform public enterprises and increase overall economic efficiency.

■ A \$30 million loan to Jamaica will help finance the Caribbean country's \$67 million project to upgrade social services, especially health care and education, that benefit the poor.

■ A \$21.1 million loan to Lesotho, on concessional terms, will partly finance a project to improve health, nutrition and family-planning services in the Southern

African country. The loan is provided by the bank's affiliate, the International Development Association.

■ A \$9 million loan to Cameroon will help finance a project to support the government's policy analysis and macroeconomic management and reform the civil service and public enterprises.

■ A \$5 million loan from IDA, on concessional terms, will help Kenya to carry out financial reforms. The project will provide training to staff of financial institutions and the central bank of the East African nation, whose banking system is becoming increasingly market-oriented.

Businessmen urged to boost investment

Paris to give more aid to Philippines

PARIS, July 14, (Agencies): France has decided to open a credit line of 350 million francs (\$53.3 million) for the Philippines for 1989 as part of its decision to increase its financial aid to that country in the next three years, it was announced here by Prime Minister Michel Rocard.

The premier was speaking at the dinner banquet he was hosting, on Wednesday night, in honour of visiting President of the Philippines, Corason Aquino.

On that second day of her state-visit in France, Aquino held talks with Prime Minister Michel Rocard at his residence at the Hotel Marigny, facing the

Elysee Palace, Foreign Minister Roland Dumas and the chairman of the National Assembly, Laurent Fabius.

The Philippine President also met with French businessmen whom she urged to invest more in the Philippines.

The major issues raised during her two-day state-visit were Third World debt and the situation in South-East Asia, notably the Cambodian problem which she discussed with President Francois Mitterrand during a private meeting on Tuesday evening.

The French Economy and Finance Minister, Pierre Berengovoy, signed with the

Philippine Foreign Minister, Vicente Jayme, a financial agreement under which France will grant the Philippines 150 million francs this year as part of the one billion francs (\$150 million) contribution pledged by France at the Tokyo meeting last June.

France has also decided to supply the Philippines with farm products for an amount of eight million francs (\$1.21 million).

At the press conference marking the end of her state-visit, Aquino expressed her satisfaction at the "excellent" relations between Paris and Manila.

Meanwhile, US President George Bush's administration is

preparing to grant Mexico a temporary loan of \$1 billion to \$2 billion to help bring an agreement with US banks on debt restructuring to a close, according to newspaper reports today.

The New York Times reported that the loan is contingent on an agreement between Mexico and its creditors to reduce and rearrange \$54 billion in existing loans.

Other countries and perhaps commercial sources may also contribute to the temporary loan, the Times said.

In its Friday editions, the Washington Post said that Mexico and the banks had reached a tentative deal.

Mubarak wins Bonn support

IMF credit deal

PARIS, July 14, (Reuters): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak yesterday won the backing of West Germany on long and difficult negotiations for up to \$750 million in new credits from the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Mubarak, invited to Paris for celebrations marking the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, enlisted the support of West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl against IMF demands for a controversial interest rate rise.

West German government spokesman Hans Klein told reporters that Kohl had agreed in a meeting with Mubarak to discuss the demands with the fund in Washington and express Cairo's concern about economic conditions being attached to a deal.

Mubarak, who met French President Francois Mitterrand today before industrial nations begin their annual economic summit, told Kohl that Egypt could not live with a further interest rate rise.

Egypt, saddled with about \$44 billion of debt, is locked in negotiations with the fund of a new 18 month economic programme which could lead to a maximum of \$500 million in credits a year.

An earlier 18 month programme expired in June last year but talks on a new deal have been slow, stalling over the IMF demand for interest rates to rise the level above inflation to stop the flight of capital abroad.

Abdel Shakour Shaalan, head of the IMF's Middle East division, was optimistic when he left Cairo after another week-long negotiating session at the start of this month.

But he added: "Exchange rate and interest rate policy fell somewhat short of what IMF management wanted."

Cairo needs to clinch an IMF-backed reform programme before moving on to reschedule its debt with the "Paris Club" of creditor governments.

The IMF has estimated Egypt's arrears from July 1988 until now, plus the amount falling due over the next 18 months, will total eight to \$10 billion.

Meanwhile, Japan stood ready today to bankroll efforts



President Mubarak

by the world's leading industrial countries to ease the plight of debtor nations.

Some of the world's poorest and most indebted countries have been lining up in Paris all week to press for a better deal from the seven industrial states who open their annual summit later today.

Officials expect the United States, France, Japan, West Germany, Britain, Italy and Canada to listen sympathetically to appeals from the Third World for help in cutting its \$1.3 trillion of foreign debts before the summit ends on Sunday.

The United States said it was considering offering Mexico a bridging loan of up to \$2 billion if it reached an agreement on its debts with creditor banks.

Mexico is seen as a test case in a US-led drive to persuade international banks to agree on a debt relief package which could pave the way for cuts in Latin America's total debt, now running at around \$500 billion.

Eastern bloc nations such as Poland are also seeking a bigger slice of the economic pie to nourish political reforms.

West German sources said the leaders were expected to establish

a working group to devise an economic aid package by September.

But with governments of some of the rich states insisting that they too are feeling the economic pinch, Japan looks like putting up the lion's share of the cash for any summit debt initiatives.

It has promised \$65 billion over five years for the debtor nations, \$600 million over three years for poor African states and \$2.25 billion to help protect the environment in the Third World.

France said it was ready to mount a separate effort to help Mexico reduce its foreign debts now running in excess of \$100 billion.

French President Francois Mitterrand said on television that Mexico was at the centre of current discussions on the overall Third World debt problem. "We will make our contribution for a positive response in the days ahead," he said.

Brazilian President Jose Sarney said in a letter to Mitterrand that unless there was quick action on his region's debt crisis, "the Western world will be surprised by the torrent of violence that could be unleashed in Latin America."

Price markups continue in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, July 14, (AP): President Carlos Menem met with his cabinet yesterday to discuss measures to end the huge markups in consumer goods prices that have occurred this week.

Economy Minister Miguel Roig, meanwhile, met with business leaders and told reporters that he expected an agreement setting 90-day price guidelines would be reached today.

Roig, who announced the new government's anti-inflation policy on Sunday, warned, however, that sanctions could be applied to businessmen on a case-by-case basis if prices continue to rise.

The General Confederation of Labour, the country's largest labour federation, issued a communique calling for sanctions against "monopolistic businessmen, price fixers and middlemen" who have "refused to listen" to price control policy.

The unscheduled cabinet meeting to discuss economic policy was called by Menem yesterday, said presidential press spokesman Humberto Toledo, who described the president as "very worried."

Argentina has been plagued by inflation that, at its current rate, would work out to more than 900,000 per cent annually.

Menem, who took office on Saturday, told reporters before the meeting that the government plan to control hyperinflation "is going more or less well," but he complained that it was being accompanied by "bloody price markups."

"I've talked to retailers and they tell me that the problem (price increases) is coming from above," Menem said, referring to producers. "But I talk to those above and they tell me that factory prices are normal and that the intermediaries are to blame."

Roig last Sunday unveiled a plan to curtail hyperinflation and, hopefully, set the stage for economic growth. The austral was devalued by 53.7 per cent and public utility rates were increased by 200 to 640 per cent.



Michel Camdessus

'I hope summit will break new ground'

More debt forgiveness needed, says IMF chief

GENEVA, July 14, (Agencies): The head of the International Monetary Fund yesterday urged Western government leaders at the Paris economic summit to cancel more of the debt owed by the world's poorest nations.

IMF managing director Michel Camdessus appealed to other participants at the seven-nation meeting, which began today, to follow recent US and French moves to write off official development debts of the most underdeveloped countries.

"I would ask them to give greater attention to the poorest countries, for whom at least partial forgiveness of debt is certainly desirable," Camdessus told a press conference.

"I hope the Paris summit will break new ground in this direction," he said later in a speech to UN Economic and Social Council, meeting in Geneva.

US President George Bush said last week that the United States will cancel official development debt by sub-Saharan African countries starting Oct 1. French President Francois Mitterrand earlier announced a similar initiative by his country for the 35 poorest nations.

Camdessus also said he expects commercial banks to announce "in the following days" their plans for helping Mexico alleviate its debt crisis. He praised Mexico for sticking with strong economic policy reforms that the IMF "is happy to support."

In another appeal to the Paris summit, he said industrial countries must strengthen co-operation "if they are to create an appropriate environment for global growth in the 1990s."

"They owe the world growth without inflation. This is the biggest contribution they can make to the world economic balance in coming years," he told reporters.

Inflation and trade barriers in industrial countries are major threats to Third World efforts to move out of poverty, he said.

In his speech, he chided the United States, West Germany and Japan for "inadequate progress" in reducing their trade imbalances.

Outlining the strategies for achieving such growth, he said growth targets must be ambitious but realistic, in the sense of recognising the specific circumstances and possibilities of each country.

Moreover, growth must be financed soundly, and plans should be medium term in emphasis, not short term, he suggested. "The use of foreign borrowing must be linked to improvements in the current account, to avoid aggravating the debt service burden," he said.

Another important element was that growth policies should be backed by firm political commitment, Camdessus affirmed. "Growth is hard work. Higher savings... to finance productive investment... require that growth of consumption is curtailed. Structural changes are likely to hurt politically sensitive sectors," he added.

The IMF managing director observed that in many countries — industrial and developing — governments were unwilling to make the necessary adjustments, or demand of their populations the sacrifices needed to achieve stronger growth.

What began early this week as a drive for local autonomy and better living standards in the city of Mezhdurechensk has spread quickly, with demands taking on a more overtly political tone.

These include an immediate national debate on a new Soviet constitution and meetings in the Kuznetsky basin coal region with top government and Communist Party officials, Tass said.

The official news agency, which did not name the cities and towns involved, said workers were prepared to back these demands with a mass strike throughout the area, the Soviet Union's number two coal-producing region.

A local journalist told Reuters miners were on strike in Leninsk-Kuznetsky, Kemerovo and Berzovsky, with limited actions in Osiniki and Prokopyevsk.

He said they were seeking similar concessions to those granted miners in Mezhdurechensk, who went on strike on Monday but were reported to have returned to work early today.

A local government official told Reuters he was confident all the strikes would be resolved quickly once word spread that Mezhdurechensk changes

American producer prices drop

WASHINGTON, July 14, (Reuters): US inflation at the wholesale level fell in June for the first time in one-and-a-half years as prices declined 0.1 per cent, the Labour Department said today.

And in a further sign of a weaker economy, retail sales fell by 0.4 per cent, pushed down by a sharp drop in automobile sales, the Commerce Department said.

The decline in the producer price index for finished goods was good news for investors worried about inflationary pressures and was the first monthly drop since a 0.3 per cent fall in December 1987. It followed a sharp 0.9 per cent rise in the index in May.

So far this year, the index, which measures prices paid by wholesalers for goods, has risen at a seasonally adjusted 7.6 per cent annual rate, up from a 4.0 per cent gain in 1988.

The decline in retail sales followed a revised 0.1 per cent fall in May, the first back-to-back slide since October 1987. Retailers in June rang up a seasonally adjusted \$140.77 billion in sales, the government estimated, with declines in nearly every sector.

Automobile sales fell by two per cent in June, the largest drop since the 1987 stock market crash.

The June drop in wholesale prices was not expected by Wall Street economists who had been looking for prices at the wholesale level to rise by 0.2 per cent.

Excluding food and energy prices, which have risen sharply this year, producer prices rose 0.7 per cent last month, after a 0.5 per cent rise in May. Over the past year, this so-called core rate of wholesale inflation has risen 4.8 per cent.

Until recently, the Federal Reserve Board had kept a tight rein on credit to ease inflationary pressures. But in the face of weak economic growth, especially in the manufacturing level, the Fed has begun to ease interest rates slightly, causing several banks to lower prime lending rates to their best business customers.

British inflation stable

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): Inflation in Britain, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's main economic headache, remained stable at an annual rate of 8.3 per cent in June and is ready to start falling, the government said today.

The inflation rate remained unchanged from May despite analysts' forecasts of a rise to 8.5 per cent. Prices rose 0.3 per cent in June, it said.

"Inflation may now have reached its peak," the Department of Employment said. "It is set to fall as the measures taken by Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson begin to bite."

It was the first time since last November that annual inflation failed to show an increase and followed an announcement yesterday that the rise in average earnings had also stabilised at 9.25 per cent.

The government will now be looking to trade figures at the end of the month for confirmation that the overheated economy is responding to Lawson's corrective regime of high interest rates.

Lawson has forecast inflation will fall to 5.5 per cent by the end of the year but the target has come under pressure from a wave of labour unrest as trade unions challenge efforts to keep pay rises down to seven per cent.

Siberian strikes spread

Miners demand talks with Soviet leaders

MOSCOW, July 14, (Reuters): Strikers have spread to nine cities in the rich Siberian coalfields and miners are threatening to shut down all mines in the region unless Soviet leaders fly there for talks, Tass said today.

What began early this week as a drive for local autonomy and better living standards in the city of Mezhdurechensk has spread quickly, with demands taking on a more overtly political tone.

These include an immediate national debate on a new Soviet constitution and meetings in the Kuznetsky basin coal region with top government and Communist Party officials, Tass said.

The official news agency, which did not name the cities and towns involved, said workers were prepared to back these demands with a mass strike throughout the area, the Soviet Union's number two coal-producing region.

A local journalist told Reuters miners were on strike in Leninsk-Kuznetsky, Kemerovo and Berzovsky, with limited actions in Osiniki and Prokopyevsk.

He said they were seeking similar concessions to those granted miners in Mezhdurechensk, who went on strike on Monday but were reported to have returned to work early today.

A local government official told Reuters he was confident all the strikes would be resolved quickly once word spread that Mezhdurechensk changes

would apply throughout the region.

Tass said yesterday that concessions included pay rises for night shifts, better food, more housing and anti-pollution measures. Soviet Coal Minister Mikhail Shebadev, who flew in for talks, also gave written promises of greater local control.

But it was unclear whether this would satisfy the strikers.

The spreading labour unrest, one of the biggest stoppages since Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev took power in 1985, has shown considerable organisation.

Workers' patrols, operating in co-operation with police, have enforced order and blocked entrances to liquor stores. No violence has been reported.

The trade union newspaper Trud said the miners had been joined by other workers and the National Miners' Union was providing strikers with free meals and transport.

At the heart of the dispute were demands by the miners in the southern Kuznetsky basin for greater local use of the proceeds from the mines and less interference from Moscow.

In Mezhdurechensk, thousands of miners and their supporters had packed the central square, some camping out in tents. Many waved signs denouncing "bureaucrats" while others appeared on the television news blasting local officials as incompetent.

Handwritten text in Arabic script: "مكتبة المصطفى"

Not just a clever studio package

Bananarama have the last laugh

By Judy Byrne

FOR years, Bananarama have been an in-joke with the pop pundits. Now they are having the last laugh.

The word was that the all-girl who mimed on Top of the Pops would never risk a live performance that would show up the paucity of musical talent behind the glitzy packaging.

Now they have hit the roads of America, Australia, Japan and Britain and, if they failed to establish themselves as the greatest singers and dancers in the business, their sell-out audiences were not complaining. For they at least proved they knew how to put on a cracking good show.

It was the final put-down for their critics who have been speculating for years about exactly what is the appeal of the group that could even ride the loss and replacement of one of the original threesome without a hiccup in record sales or fan following.

Some have tried to explain it in terms of analysing the way each of the three fits and feels men's fantasies — an approach that fails to take account of their huge female following.

Records Bananarama are in the 1989 Guinness Book of Records as Europe's most successful girl group ever and, since the book was compiled, they have overtaken the Supremes to become the world's biggest-selling all-girl group.

Yet Bananarama would be the first to admit their early approach was, to say the least, casual.

Blonde Sarah Dallin, 27, says: "I think our attraction was that we looked like we had been dragged off the streets. We had a sort of naive charm and we were unprofessional. Everyone was surprised when we had hits."

The record company wanted us to change. They thought we looked scruffy but, once they saw it was working, they kept quiet. We were like three schoolgirls having fun. We didn't care if it lasted six months or a year."

It had all come about in a spirit of fun compared with the burn-

ing ambition that propels other aspiring pop stars.

Sarah and Keren Woodward were best friends at a Bristol comprehensive school and Sarah met Siobhan Fahey when they were both studying fashion journalism at the London School of Fashion and Keren was a secretary in the pensions department of the BBC.

The three, who love to sing and dance together, shared a tiny London flat above the Sex Pistols' rehearsal room where they were able to experiment with instruments and microphones. The trio just happened.

A well-received demo tape led to a debut single before they had even thought of a name for themselves.

At a brain-storming session, they decided they wanted something tropical-sounding and settled on Banana. The "rama" came from the Roxy Music number Pyjamama that all three were keen on at the time.

Terry Hall of Fun Boy Three heard them and invited them to pool voices for *It Ain't What You Do* which shot to No. 5. With none of the usual agonising and steely determination, Bananarama was on its way.

It was not until Cheers Then, two years later, failed to hit the charts that Bananarama got serious about learning how to make good records and even better videos.

Fun

Yet they have clung determinedly to their sense of fun. Sarah says: "We are all well over 25 but we seem to have reverted to being teenagers. We are not afraid to laugh at ourselves."

"We might even last another seven years. Even if some people want to turn us into an institution, we are proud to be a pop group and just a pop music. Nothing else."

It was typical of Keren, Sarah and new girl Jacquie O'Sullivan, 28, that they scrapped plans to fly between US venues and joined the tour bus with their band, dancers and assorted friends.

Keren, 26, says: "It had always been our intention to play live. That's how we began — barging



Dismissed as a clever studio package without real musical talent, the all-girl group have hit the road and proved there's more to their success than raunchy sex appeal.

our way into other people's concerts and thrashing around with percussion instruments. We were famous after our first single and then had to spend the next three learning the job in public."

"It took us that long to see the job as a career and take it seriously."

But never too seriously. That is part of the charm of the three who smoke, drink, eat junk food and avoid any exercise other than dancing as staunchly as they steer clear of drugs.

Actually they had planned a tour earlier but an unplanned pregnancy intervened.

Bananarama had finally cracked the US market with their first American No. 1 *Venus*, late in 1986. It seemed the right moment to pack bags and travel.

Then Keren discovered she was pregnant. "The other two were very

understanding," she said. Which was just as well in Siobhan's case. Not long afterwards, she found herself in the same situation.

Marry

Keren's first reaction was to marry live-in lover David Scott-Evans. Her second was the realisation that she had no real wish to wed in a rush. "We want to enjoy doing it and we want both our families to as well," she added.

"My mum would need time to get a nice outfit or she'd kill me."

At the time, they seemed to have found the perfect liberated solution to the problems posed by the unexpected arrival of baby Thomas. David had been modelling but was fed up and needed time to decide what he wanted to do next.

He took to mothering with a competence and enthusiasm that

made hiring a nanny unnecessary and enabled Keren to get straight on with the disrupted Bananarama work schedule.

Only later did she confess that behind the insistence that she was thrilled to bits with motherhood in general and Thomas in particular lay a chillingly different reality. She was desperately suffering post-natal depression and feeling trapped.

She says: "I was totally freaked out by becoming a mother. I wasn't ready to have a child and didn't know how to cope with my feelings. My way of handling it was to go out and dance all night and drink vodka, basically so I could forget my responsibilities at home."

Now she has come to terms with responsibility and genuinely adores Thomas who has a nanny. David is studying filmmaking at a college and

marriage. ("When the mood takes us") is still a distinct possibility.

When the going was tough, it was to best friend Sarah that Keren turned for sympathy and support. The two still live in houses next door to one another in London's Maida Vale.

Sarah's boyfriend for the past eight years has been Terry Sharpe, whose band The Adventurers got into the Top 20 for the first time last year and toured the country with Fleetwood Mac.

Tense

"I can be very tense at times and Terry's the only man who managed to calm me down," says Sarah. "We're both very ambitious people. The more you have, the more you want."

Which is why there has been no place in their plans for a baby yet. "I'm quite selfish and there is too much I want to achieve first," she says.

But for the third of the original threesome who once shared a council flat in Holborn and the role in their darkest pre-hit days, motherhood meant marriage. And, in the end, a split from the group.

Siobhan was five months pregnant when she married Eurythmics' Dave Stewart, ex-lover of Annie Lennox in a lavish fantasy ceremony in a French chateau.

They postponed the honeymoon so Siobhan could get straight back to work.

But within months she was proudly presenting new son Sam to the world. She quit Bananarama just three months later.

Siobhan claimed to be on her third nervous breakdown when she met Dave. "I was going through one when he declared his undying love for me," she says.

But Dave's undying love frequently meant being out of the country. Arranging anything for Bananarama became increasingly tricky. When the break-up came it was not unexpected.

Siobhan lives the beautiful life in London, Paris and California. "I am constantly pinching myself. It is all rather mind-boggling thinking of the life I have now. I don't have to worry about bills any more, which is very liberating."

No change in No.1

Movie themes join hit parade

LONDON, (AP) For the fourth straight week, Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler topped the British pop singles chart with *Back to Life*.

Three movie theme songs were included in this week's chart: *On Our Own* from Ghostbusters II at number 6; *Batdance*, from Batman at number 9; and *Wind Beneath My Wings* from Beaches in 10th spot. *Ain't Nobody*, by Rufus and Chaka Khan zoomed up from 12th spot to number 2, followed by *You'll Never Stop Me Loving You* by Sonia in third spot, up from 18th.

UK Top Ten

This week's top ten singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd, the national music retail chain, with last week's placings in parentheses:

1. (1) *Back to Life* — Soul II Soul and Caron Wheeler (10 Records).
2. (12) *Ain't Nobody* — Rufus and Chaka Khan (Warner Bros).
3. (18) *You'll Never Stop Me Loving You* — Sonia (Chrysalis).
4. (4) *London Nights* — London Boys (Teldec-WEA).
5. (5) *It's Alright* — Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone).
6. (-) *On Our Own* — Bobby Brown (MCA).
7. (2) *Long For Your Love* — Beautiful South (Go).
8. (15) *Voodoo Ray* (EP) — A Guy Called Gerald (Rham).
9. (3) *Batdance* — Prince (Warner).
10. (23) *Wind Beneath My Wings* — Better Midler (Atlantic).

In New York, the Fine Young Cannibals kept their *Good Thing* at the top of the pop singles record charts in the United States for the second week in a row.

Milli Vanilli's *Baby Don't Forget My Number* stayed on in second spot for the second straight week on the Cash Box magazine chart. Madonna hopped up one notch to fourth with *Express Yourself*.

Last week's number three hit, *Satisfied* by Richard Marx, slipped to sixth position.

Jumping onto the top list, up from 12th to 9th, was *Tiny Soldiers* by Marika. The week's only other newcomer was *What You Don't Know* by Exposé, up from 13th to 10th.

As for country and western singles, *She's Got a Single Thing In Mind* by Conway Twitty took over as number one on the Cash Box magazine chart. *Love's Only Me* by Ricky Skaggs was second, and *What's Going On In Your World* by George Strait was third.

US Top Ten

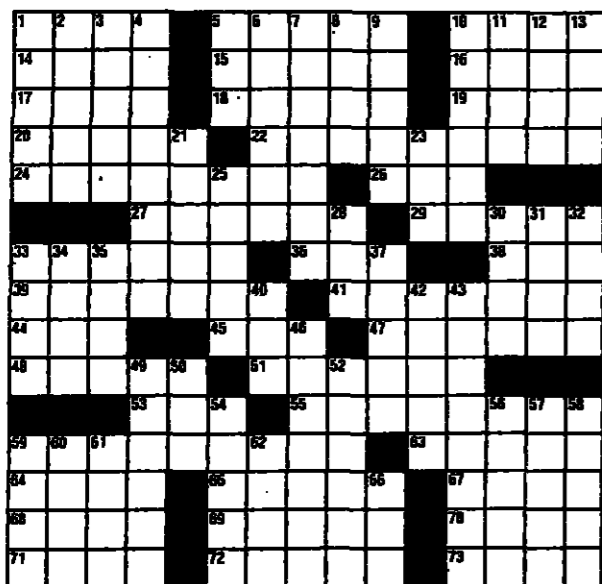
The top 10 singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (1) *Good Thing* — Fine Young Cannibals (I.R.S.).
2. (2) *Baby Don't Forget My Number* — Milli Vanilli (Artistia).
3. (4) *Express Yourself* — Madonna (Sire-Warner Brothers).
4. (7) *If You Don't Know Me By Now* — Simply Red (Elektra).
5. (5) *I Drove All Night* — Cyndi Lauper (Epic).
6. (3) *Satisfied* — Richard Marx (EMI).
7. (6) *This Time I Know It's For Real* — Sonoma Summer (Atlantic).
8. (8) *Miss You Like Crazy* — Natalie Cole (EMI).
9. (12) *Tiny Soldiers* — Marika (Columbia).
10. (13) *What You Don't Know* — Exposé (Artistia).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (3) *She's Got a Single Thing In Mind* — Conway Twitty (MCA).
2. (1) *Love's Only Me* — Ricky Skaggs (Epic).
3. (6) *What's Going On In Your World* — George Strait (MCA).
4. (4) *Hoke In My Pocket* — Ricky Van Shelton (Columbia).
5. (8) *Cathy's Clown* — Reba McEntire (MCA).
6. (10) *Houston Solution* — Ronnie Milsap (RCA).
7. (11) *Why'd You Come In Here Lookin' Like That* — Dolly Parton (Columbia).
8. (2) *Beyond Those Years* — The Oak Ridge Boys (MCA).
9. (13) *In A Letter To You* — Eddy Raven (Universal).
10. (14) *Love Has No Right* — Billy Joe Royal (Atlantic America).

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 A — off the old block
 - 5 Blend
 - 10 " — upon a time..."
 - 14 Vagabond
 - 15 "Aids," for one
 - 16 River duck
 - 17 Problem for an MP
 - 18 Toe
 - 19 Semester
 - 20 Groove
 - 22 July 3, in London, Ont.
 - 24 City in Quebec
 - 26 Shooter
 - 27 Type style
 - 28 Mother-of-pearl
 - 33 Concise summary
 - 36 Fuss
 - 38 Preserve
 - 39 Capital of Ontario
 - 41 Falling in flakes
 - 44 " — was saying..."
 - 45 Native American
 - 47 Cure-all
 - 48 Feel
 - 51 "A sprawling, ill — building"
 - 53 Relative of et al.
 - 55 Capital city of Alberta
 - 59 Portland's B.C. neighbor
 - 63 Sifter
 - 64 Culture medium
 - 65 Buffalo
 - 67 Bow
 - 68 Location
 - 69 "Seek roses in December, — June": Byron
 - 70 — Stanley Gardner
 - 71 Bender
- DOWN**
- 1 Ravine
 - 2 " — Succeed in Business..."
 - 3 "...a star danced, and under that was —"
 - 4 Party official
 - 5 Now person
 - 6 Heroic
 - 7 Paraphernalia of royalty
 - 8 Broad smile
 - 9 Corrode
 - 10 Capital of Canada
 - 11 Require
 - 12 Dear, in Italia
 - 13 Abounding in certain trees
 - 21 " — the blood..." A.C. Doyle
 - 23 Rather
 - 25 Bridge positions
 - 28 Rel. of LPs
 - 30 CIV plus CV
 - 31 Sari wearer
 - 32 RR worker
 - 33 School orgs.
 - 34 Ascended
 - 35 Green land
 - 37 13:00
 - 40 Pan-American org.
 - 42 Bread spreads
 - 43 Capital of Manitoba
 - 46 Edam and brie
 - 48 Clarendine
 - 49 Walt theater
 - 52 Delf
 - 54 Biblical measure
 - 56 — Haute, Ind.
 - 57 Convex molding
 - 58 Upright post
 - 59 Immense
 - 60 Exchange premium
 - 61 Atlantic treaty org.
 - 62 "Miami" pt.
 - 66 Compass pt.

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major suits, it was quite likely that he held a high diamond honor. South put his reasoning to the test with a slam try of four diamonds, then bid one more for luck after North raised. West's double was fatuous, and received its just desserts.

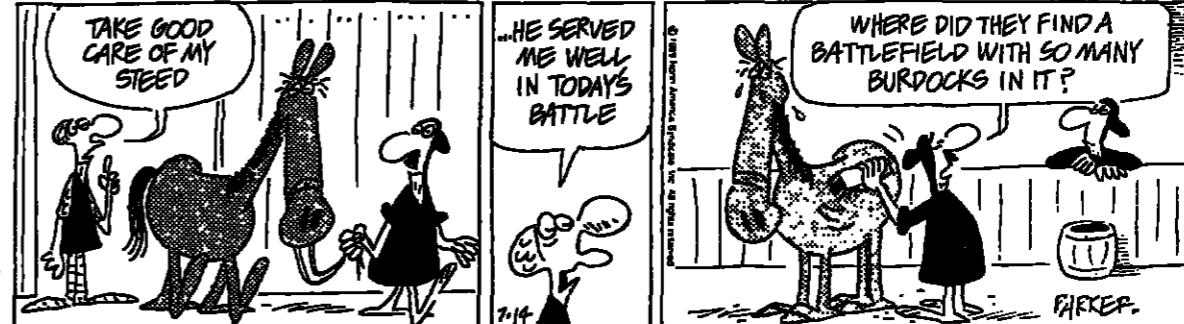
West led a trump, taken by dummy's jack. Declarer cashed the ace and was delighted to see East follow a second time. With nothing to guide him, declarer might have come to hand and conceded a trump trick, relying on either a 3-3 heart break or the spade finesse. However, the double marked the king of spades with West, so declarer tried something else.

He cashed the ace-king of clubs and ruffed a club, then the ace-queen of hearts. Next, he threw West in with a trump. That worthy was now firmly enmeshed in an endplay.

A spade lead would be into declarer's major tenace, so West was forced to exit with a club. Since the lead of the queen would permit declarer to ruff and set up the jack for a spade discard, West led his ten of clubs. Declarer covered with dummy's jack and claimed. If East held the queen, declarer would ruff and a long club would be established; if West held the queen, the jack would be the fulfilling trick.

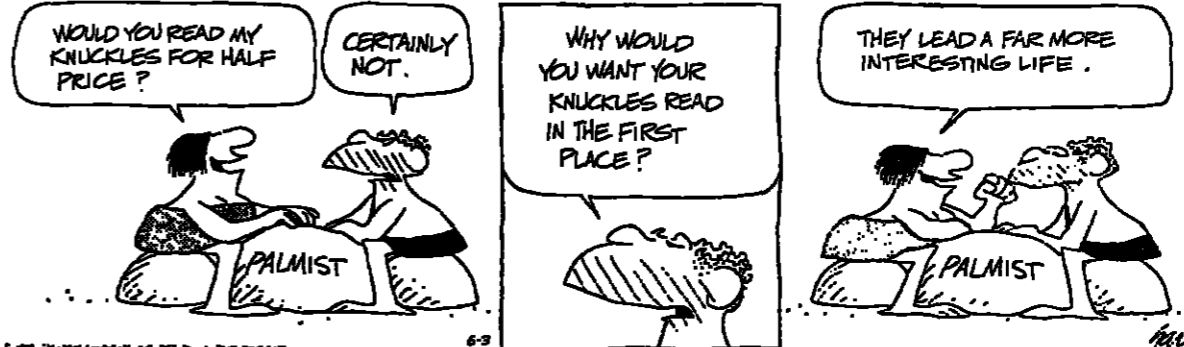
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Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You will tend to get tired more easily, but that may be due to tension rather than insufficient sleep. Try not to take everything quite so seriously. Make sure you eat a balanced diet. Be magnanimous.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

You should not fall behind with your routine, and if you do then do concentrate on catching up. However make sure you do not allow spend to become superfluous. Take the best care of your health. Be more patient.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

If you leave late you will arrive at your destination late, and do allow for heavy traffic. Take your partner's wishes into account as much as possible.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should do your best to avoid making a nuisance of yourself. If you have to work over the weekend to meet a commitment, that is how it has to be. Do not try to be too clever. Be cordial.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

There is a lot to distract you, but try not to let it. Listen carefully to what others are saying and act accordingly. Do not allow food to stand about, make sure it is stored in a cool place. Be more reticent.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

There will be some startling noise, but it is thankfully a false alarm for most of you. If you use a calculator make sure you do gain a calculation that does not seem to have yielded the right answer.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

Beware of eating too much of any unknown food until you know it does not disagree with you. You would be mistaken if you place too much reliance on computers, but do not underestimate them either.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

Everything will take a lot longer than you had hoped and you must accordingly get a move on. However do not get flustered just get on with it. And try to enjoy life to the full. Be reasonable.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

If you try to blame someone for something that is your fault you will not succeed. Do all you can to avoid getting into debt. You will be able to do something to increase harmony with your partner. Be polite.



Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)

Your memory is not as good as it usually is, so do not rely on it more than is necessary. If you insist on having your own way you may well not get it. However, if you make a few concessions then everyone will be happy. Be considerate.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Yesterday's methods are not really applicable to today's situation, so think again. Try not to keep anyone waiting. And make sure you are not late for an invitation, particularly if dinner is involved. Be selective.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

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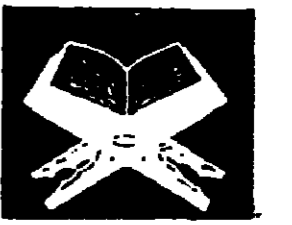
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Bouncer plan runs aground

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): A move to limit bowlers to one bouncer per over in Test matches was defeated at the annual meeting of the International Cricket Conference (ICC) by the votes of countries who do not play Tests.

The bouncer resolution, proposed by England and seconded by New Zealand, was approved by a majority of the Test-playing countries but the motion was beaten by the voting of the ICC associate members, it was announced at the end of the two-day meeting at Lord's yesterday.

ICC's full members who play Test cricket — England, Australia, New Zealand, West Indies, Pakistan, India, and Sri Lanka — have the right to 14 votes, but 18 are available to associates such as Bermuda, United States, and Fiji.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the English Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) said: "It was lost on a straight majority and I must express my extreme disappointment."

"It was the wish of the full members to pass the resolution, but it was the countries who play little or no first-class cricket who had their way."

"I don't know why they voted against. One might have thought that if it didn't affect them they would have abstained."

"We have been trying to take this step for a very long time and we at last got a seconder in New Zealand. We were very close to getting it through."

ICC members are to submit report by next November on the question of professional neutral umpires in Tests.

The conference chairman, Lord Bramall, hopes the revolutionary scheme involving 25 to 30 officials will be off the ground by 1991 when West Indies will be the touring team in England.

Pakistan and India have already taken the initiative, and have agreed to neutral umpires for their series next winter.

Zimbabwe failed in their attempt to gain test status, for which they will have to wait a few more years.

Although they were proposed by West Indies and seconded by Pakistan, the ICC want more evidence that Zimbabwe are ready to step into the top level of world cricket. This will be done by unofficial tours of full members to that country.

Under a redrafting of the ICC's constitution, the power of VETO previously enjoyed by founder members England and Australia is to be diluted.

The two countries could delay any decision, but now this applies only to rule changes.

Meanwhile, the ICC refused to allow South Africa to put its case for a delegation to visit the republic to assess the progress of multi-racial cricket.

South African delegates Joe Parnisky and Ali Bacher had hoped to address the ICC's meeting but representatives of the Test-playing countries voted to refuse them admission.

Parnisky, president of the South African Cricket Union, and Bacher had requested admission to put their case for a fact-finding deputation to visit the white-ruled republic.

Afterwards Parnisky hinted at the possibility of further rebel tours.

NFL players call for 'double' drug testing

ATLANTA, July 14, (Reuters): The NFL Players Association, dissatisfied with the League's drug-testing programme, called yesterday for double testing of urine samples — by the League and also by a lab approved by the players.

Players have no confidence in this programme and the way the League

administers it," Gene Upshaw said of the NFL testing procedure that has been in place since 1980.

Upshaw, executive director of the NFLPA, unveiled the players' plan at a news conference yesterday.

The union has been adamantly opposed to commissioner Pete Rozelle's call for

random drug testing. It also opposed his original drug proposal and the current plan, which allows suspension for four weeks after a second offense and indefinitely after a year, is the result of arbitration between the two sides.

Upshaw said the union's new plan also met resistance from the League before it

was publicly revealed. He said he discussed the plan with Rozelle, who said the League couldn't agree to this kind of programme.

League spokesman Joe Browne said the NFL had no objection to the union conducting its own test, but said it couldn't take place at the same time because of logistics problems.

Brazil and Uruguay win easily

Bengoechea banned for two years



Romario: scored one goal for Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 14, (Reuters): Former world soccer champions Brazil took a giant step towards winning the South American championship when they beat World Cup holders Argentina 2-0 (0-0) here on Wednesday night.

Bebeto and Romario pierced Argentina's spiders-web defence twice early in the second half of the final round clash in front of 110,000 fans in the huge Maracana stadium.

Diego Maradona, the world's number one footballer, failed to inspire the Argentines — who had appeared happy with a draw. Flamengo striker Bebeto struck in the 47th minute. Romario sidefooted a Silas centre into his path and he blasted the ball past goalkeeper Nery Pumpido inside the angle of the right post and crossbar.

PSV Eindhoven's Romario added a second goal seven minutes later after a miss-kick by Jose Luis Brown at the edge of the penalty area. Romario slipped the loose ball past the diving pumpido.

The result points to a possible decider with Copa America holders Uruguay on Sunday. Uruguay, who scraped into the final round after losing two of their qualifying matches, beat Paraguay 3-0 (1-0) earlier. But first Uruguay must face

Argentina, and Brazil clash with Paraguay this evening.

Brazil, who started the tournament poorly, were a greatly improved side. They had the answer to Argentina's defensive tactics in the sheer skill and speed of their attacks.

Carlos Bilardo, Argentina's coach, said afterwards that the only difference between the teams had been one of fitness. He said he had not played second half substitute Claudio Caniggia from the start because he was not fully fit.

But Caniggia's inclusion after the second goal made no difference. Argentina, who started with five men in midfield and Maradona alone up front, hardly troubled goalkeeper Taffarel.

Bebeto's goal was his fourth in the tournament and put him level with Venezuela's Carlos Maldonado, whose team went out in the qualifying round.

Argentina's defeat meant Maradona has yet to be on the winning side against Brazil after two previous defeats, one in the 1982 World Cup in Spain, and a draw.

Another sound performance by Lazio striker Ruben Sosa was the inspiration behind Uruguay's victory over Paraguay.

A mistake by goalkeeper Roberto Fernandez, who came out late to challenge Sosa, left

Enzo Francescoli with an open goal to head Uruguay into the lead after 27 minutes from Sosa's centre.

With Paraguay pressing for an equaliser, Sosa broke away and laid on the second goal for Antonio Alzamendi in the 82nd minute. Midfielder Ruben Paz added a third a third goal six minutes later.

"Playing in the current scheme, I rarely get the ball," Maradona said of Brazil's win.

"We attack very little and that way it's unlikely that we'll manage to score a goal," he added.

"I think that to win the Copa America will be very important to regain a bit of Brazilian football's prestige," Bebeto said.

"After all, world champions Argentina are here, and Uruguay, two powers in world football."

Uruguayan soccer star Pablo Bengoechea has been suspended for two years after a doping test taken during the championship showed too much caffeine in his urine, officials said.

Bengoechea, who plays for Spanish club Sevilla, was suspended from all competition controlled by the Federation of International Football Associations (FIFA), a spokesman for the South American Football Confederation (CSF) told Reuters.

Simpson and Sutton share Classic lead

WILLIAMSBURG, Va., July 14, (Reuters): Former PGA champion Hall Sutton and Tim Simpson, who have both struggled of late, started fast with seven-under-par 64 yesterday to share the first-round lead in the \$850,000 PGA Golf Classic.

Sutton was the early leader with a round that included five birdies and an eagle. Simpson matched the leading score, right down to an eagle on the par-five third hole just like Sutton.

The co-leaders held a one-stroke lead over three players: Tim Lister, Mike Hulbert and Chris Perry. Another shot back was Fuzzy Zoeller, Australia's Ian Baker-Finch and Don Shirley.

Sutton, who won the 1983 PGA Championship, has not won since 1986.

"My golf game has not been worth a flip for the last year and a half," said Sutton. "I've had a balance problem that I've worked out and really feel that I've headed in the right direction. I've worked harder than any time in my life and feel that I'm capable of winning again."

Simpson won this year in New Orleans but has struggled the last six weeks. "I'm happy to get out of the gate with a good round," he said. "I don't feel like I have to fight it now in this position."

US Open champion Curtis Strange was four strokes back after an opening 68.

"When you are playing well the home crowd gets you pumped up. When you are playing poorly you want to hide your head in the sand," Strange said.

for 53. At Uxbridge: Middlesex beat Nottinghamshire by 36 runs. Middlesex 203 for seven innings closed (P. Downton 69, J. Carr 44). Nottinghamshire 167 in 54.4 overs (P. Johnson 47, A. Fraser three for 27).

At the Oval: Surrey beat Yorkshire by one run. Surrey 256 for four innings closed (D. Bicknell 135, D. Ward 80 not out). Yorkshire 255 for nine innings closed (M. Moxon 59, A. Metcalfe 40, M. Bicknell four for 49).

At Taunton: Northamptonshire beat Somerset by five wickets. Somerset 210 in 55.4 overs (C. Tavaré 79 not out, M. Robinson four for 32, J. Thomas three for 36). Northamptonshire 211 for five in 57 overs (R. Bailey 86 not out, N. Felton 41).

At Canterbury: Warwickshire beat Kent by 49 runs. Warwickshire 272 for five innings closed (A. Kallicharran 93 not out, G. Humphreys 65, D. Reeve 45). Kent 223 in 57.4 overs (M. Benson 64, C. Cowdrey 52, T. Munton three for 36, A. Donald three for 41).

At Bristol: Lancashire beat Gloucestershire by one wicket. Gloucestershire 174 for seven innings closed (K. Curran 47, R. Russell 42 not out, P. Allot four for 31). Lancashire 179 for nine innings closed (G. Mendis 46, K. Jarvis three for 25, M. Ball three for 42).

Campese to have free role in 3rd Test

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuters): Australian coach Bob Dwyer is looking to his backline, and winger David Campese in particular, to short-circuit the forward power of the British Lions in the deciding third rugby union Test tomorrow.

Both sides will be unchanged for the sell-out game at the Sydney football stadium after the Lions today passed as fit flanker Finlay Calder, lock Wade Dooley and winger Iwan Evans who were all nursing minor injuries.

Australia's three-quarters, so dominant in the 30-12 Test victory, were starved of good possession in the second Test, won 19-12 by the touring side, when ferocious Lions forward play knocked the stuffing out of the Wallabies early on.

Dwyer indicated today Campese would give free rein in the third Test to stretch a Lions backline which has often seemed devoid of ideas in attack and porous in defence.

"There will be no tight rein on Campese, it's really a matter of getting some ball," said Dwyer as his players worked out in warm sunshine.

Campese, the most prolific try-scorer in Test rugby, was

acclaimed as one of the game's jewels during the 1988 tour of England and Scotland.

But the winger has rarely shone on home soil in the past three seasons and has made only one clear break in the two Tests.

"God, isn't this game boring," he said to a photographer late in the second Test as the Lions lined up for a penalty.

Meanwhile Australian rugby union's ruling body will send a video of the violent second Test between Australia and Lions to British rugby authorities "for any action which may be deemed appropriate."

In a statement likely to

increase tension between the two sides on the eve of the deciding third Test, the Australian Rugby Football Union said it would also ask the game's ruling body, the IRFB, to consider using video evidence to pinpoint violent players.

The second Test, won 19-12 by the Lions to level the series, was marked by ferocious play from the touring side early on.

Five Wallabies needed stitches in head wounds while lock Steve Cutler, was lucky to escape serious injury when Lions prop David Young stamped on his face.

King takes lead after first round

LAKE ORION, Mich., July 14, (Reuters): Betsy King wielded a hot putter on her way to a four-under-par 67 that gave her a one-stroke lead after the opening round of the US Women's Open yesterday.

King carded one bogey on each half of the par-71, 6,109-yard Indianwood Country Club course but compensated with three birdies on both the outward and inward nines to lead the field.

Marie Laura Delorenzi-Taya of France was alone in second place after a 68.

Pumas face very difficult task

DUNEDIN, New Zealand, July 14, (Reuters): The Argentine Pumas face New Zealand's All Blacks tomorrow with three new Test caps and an almost impossible task of seriously challenging rugby union's world champions.

The Pumas start the first of two Tests as overwhelming underdogs after a 61-6 thrashing by Auckland last weekend and unimpressive victories in their three other tour games so far.

But manager Horacio Vidoua was cautiously optimistic today.

"The mood is excellent. They know they will have a tough game but it is the one they have come here to play," he told reporters.

"We are confident we will put up a much better show than we did at Auckland. The players are better physically and starting to acclimatise."

Inexperience will be the Pumas' greatest handicap. The three new Test caps, locks Marcelo Valesani and Pablo Puahe and flanker Pablo Di Nisio, will struggle against their powerful and seasoned New Zealand opponents.

Probably the Pumas' biggest hope will be that the All Blacks, who scored two Test wins over European champions France last month, will have problems motivating themselves. The New Zealanders will line up with seven of last week's Auckland selection.

Coach Alex Wyllie pointed out they were in a similar position in last year's series against a weak Welsh side but won both Tests by 50-point margins.

The All Black line-up is unchanged from the squads that faced France and the Australian Wallabies last year.

Botham takes Worcester to win over Derby

Middlesex rally to blast Notts

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): England all-rounder Ian Botham showed his continuing return towards top form by smashing his first half-century of the season and then collecting four wickets in the NatWest Trophy tournament on Wednesday.

Botham slammed four sixes and three fours in scoring 53 from only 37 deliveries as Worcestershire posted 278 for seven in their 60 overs in a second round match against Derbyshire.

He then took the first two Derby wickets to fall and returned to take two more after the visiting batsmen threatened a recovery.

Botham ended with four for 62 as Derby were bowled out for 223.

Steve Rhodes was Worcestershire's top scorer with 61 while Bruce Roberts (64 not out), Kim Barnett (55) and Reg Sharma (50) were the mainstay of the Derby innings.

NatWest Trophy holders Middlesex staged a fine recovery after losing their first four wickets for only 36 to beat Nottinghamshire by 36 runs at Uxbridge.

Wicketkeeper Paul Downton came to their rescue with 69 and shared in partnerships of 70 with John Carr and 79 with John Embury to help Middlesex to a respectable 203 for seven.

Notts made brisk progress in reply but lost wickets at regular intervals. Only a fourth wicket partnership of 69 between Paul Johnson and an unusually subdued Derek Randall held up Middlesex to any extent.

Had they not dropped three chances, Middlesex could have wrapped it up earlier but Richard Elcock with four for 43 and Angus Fraser, three for 27, saw them to victory.

The closest contest was at the Oval where Surrey scrapped home by one run as Yorkshire's last pair just failed to overhaul their 256 for four.

Ian Swallow and Stuart Fletcher came together with 29 needed off the last 20 deliveries but with three still required from the last ball, Fletcher could manage only a single.

Results

At Cardiff: Hampshire beat Glamorgan by seven wickets. Glamorgan 189 in 59.4 overs (H. Morris 53, C. Connor three for 43). Hampshire 190 for three off 57 overs (R. Smith 69 not out, K. James 42).

At Worcester: Worcestershire beat Derbyshire by 38 runs. Worcestershire 278 for seven innings closed (S. Rhodes 61, I. Botham 53, G. Hick 45, P. Neale 43 not out, M. Weston 43). Derbyshire 240 in 56 overs (K. Barnett 55, R.



Botham: in terrific form

Sharma 50, I. Botham four for 62).

At Hove: Sussex beat Leicestershire by 68 runs. Sussex 300 for two innings closed (P. Parker

87 not out, A. Wells 86 not out, D. Smith 59, M. Speight 48). Leicestershire 232 in 55.4 overs (P. Willey 89, A. Dodemaide four for 37, A. Babington three



Melinte won the 800m easily

Soviet athletics stars suffer shock defeats

BARCELONA, July 14, (Reuters): Olympic high jump champion Gennady Avdeyenko and fellow-Soviet long jumper Robert Emmiyan suffered surprise defeats at a low-key international athletics meeting here on Wednesday.

Avdeyenko, the 1983 world champion, finished third after clearing just 2.26 metres while Emmiyan, who has recorded the second longest jump in history, slumped to fourth with a mediocre effort of just 7.78 metres.

But there were few surprises on the track as two-time world champion Calvin Smith raced to victory over 200 metres amid a succession of American sprint triumphs on a relaxed night of competition.

Avdeyenko paid the price for entering the high jump late. Spanish winner Adolfo Becker had cleared 2.10 and 2.15 before the Russian champion approached the bar for the first time at 2.30.

Becker failed with three attempts at 2.29 only to win after Avdeyenko and Romanian Sorin Matei failed with their bids to go clear at 2.32. Matei took second place on countback.

World championship silver medalist Emmiyan, still trying to recapture his best after missing much of last year with injury and suffering the death of his father in December's Armenian earthquake, produced his best in the first round.

But after that he never threatened little-known Spanish winner Antonio Corgos who triumphed with a fourth-round effort of 8.11 metres.

Andrew Valmon shrugged off blustery conditions early on to cruise to victory in a men's 400 metres after a storming back straight left him comfortably clear off the final bend.

Valmon, who won a Seoul gold as a member of the US 4x400 metres relay quartet, eased down to win in 45.59 seconds with Spaniard Antonio Sanchez chasing hard in second place.

World indoor champion Andres Simon trailed home second to inform American Dennis Mitchell in a men's 100 metres final weakened by the late withdrawal of Smith, the Olympic bronze medalist.

Mitchell led from the gun to sweep home in 10.12 seconds with Cuban Simon second in 10.37.

Evergreen Romanian Doina Melinte, Olympic champion in 1984, ran away to a convincing 800 metres victory in a respectable 1:57.95.

Melinte was towed round by American pacemaker Michelle Taylor for nearly 600 metres and then cut loose to prove that at 32, she remains one of the world's best middle-distance runners.

World record holder Renaldo Nehemiah also took the opportunity to remind his hurdling rivals Greg Foster, Roger Kingdom and Colin Jackson not to expect things all their own way.

The trio have set their sights on Nehemiah's world mark of 12.93 seconds set eight years ago. But in the absence of Briton Jackson and the two Americans, Nehemiah swooped to a comfortably impressive victory in 13.34 seconds.

Oxygen does not help enhance performance

BOSTON, July 14, (UPI): Athletes who inhale pure oxygen to enhance their performance are apparently fooling themselves, a new study concluded yesterday.

"My study would imply that it doesn't help," said Dr F. David Winter Jr of the Baylor University Medical Centre in Dallas. "It must be a placebo effect."

Previous studies produced mixed results about the usefulness of inhaling pure oxygen for improving athletic performance.

The practice, used most commonly by professional football players, gained popularity in the belief that raising the level of oxygen in the blood would enhance delivery of oxygen to working muscles.

To test that, Winter and his colleagues enlisted 12 members of the Dallas Sidekicks, a professional indoor soccer team for which Winter consults, in a study

published in the journal of the American Medical Association.

"The players ran on a treadmill until they were exhausted, rested for four minutes, and then ran again until they were exhausted. During the rest period they breathed room air or pure oxygen without knowing which gas they were getting. The players repeated the exercise a second time, this time getting whichever gas they did not get the first time."

When the researchers compared how the athletes performed each time, they failed to find any difference between whether they had breathed 100 per cent oxygen or plain bottled room air.

The researchers also found no difference in the amount of a substance in their blood known as lactate, which indicates how much oxygen is getting to the muscles.

Carlsson tipped to win rally

AUCKLAND, July 14, (Reuters): Sweden's Ingvar Carlsson starts favourite to win the New Zealand Motor Rally which begins tomorrow but the absence of the all-conquering Lancia has thrown the gruelling event wide open.

Carlsson, who starts first in his turbocharged Mazda 323, is the only man to have defeated the Lancia Delta Integrales this season. He did it in last January's Swedish Rally, the world championship opener.

Few of the top European and Japanese teams will contest the four-day, round seven of the championship. Carlsson, joint fourth in the drivers' title standings, is the only one in the top 12 to take part.

Carlsson's four-wheel drive Mazda will be backed up by his New Zealand team-mate Ray Wilson, who starts number two. The Audi Quattro of another Kiwi, Malcolm Stewart will leave right behind them.

Based in Auckland and the hot springs resort of New Zealand's north island over 590 km (365 miles) of special stages on rough forest and back roads.

Behind the Mazdas, Ford has



Saeed Al Hajri: with his Ford Sierra

the strongest line-up, led by the Sierra Cosworth of Scotsman Jimmy McRae, the British champion who lasted just two km (about one mile) in last year's event. He is backed up by Qatar ace Saeed Al Hajri, who now

rallies all round the world after starting in the Middle East championship, and his son, 21-year-old Colin McRae.

Kenjiro Shinozuka will lead the Japanese challenge in a Mitsubishi Galant. The Japanese champion will be looking for a better performance than last year when he dropped out after only one special stage with mechanical failure.

Starting number six is Briton Malcolm Wilson in a Vauxhall Astra. Wilson will be hoping to repeat last year's surprise win by Austrian Sepp Haider in a mechanically similar Open Kadett.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lewis unwelcome

INDIANAPOLIS, July 14, (UPI): Olympic champion Carl Lewis has been told he no longer is welcome to compete individually in track meets in Japan because of an incident May 14, the Athletic Congress revealed Wednesday. Lewis covered up the sponsor's logo.

Rich manager

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): Graeme Souness, manager of Scottish champions Glasgow Rangers, earned over £200,000 (£320,000) in the year to May 31, the club's annual accounts revealed.

England coach

LONDON, July 14, (UPI): England coach Don Howe has joined Queens Park Rangers as assistant manager. The 53-year-old former Arsenal and West Bromwich Albion manager becomes assistant to Trevor Francis at the London First Division club.

Guidry quits

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): Pitcher Ron Guidry said goodbye to New York and hello to his Louisiana farm, announcing his retirement after 14 years with the Yankees on Wednesday.

Sabre gold

DENVER, Colo., July 14, (Reuters): The Soviet Union overcame a surprisingly meek West Germany 9-2 to win the men's team sabre gold medal at the World Fencing Championships yesterday.

Drug abuse

LONDON, July 14, (Reuters): Adrian Moorhouse, Olympic 100 metres breaststroke gold medalist in Seoul, yesterday hit back at claims by another British swimmer that drug abuse in the sport was rife.

Kenyan runner

LONDON, July 14, (AP): A leading Kenyan middle distance runner said Wednesday that a boycott of next year's Commonwealth Games could hurt track and field in their country. "Individual athletes in Kenya would not feel good about a boycott," said Paul Ereng, the 800-metre Olympic champion.

Rockets centre

HOUSTON, July 14, (AP): Houston Rockets all-star centre Akem Olatunji is hospitalized here but club officials declined last night to comment about his condition.

Problems cured

GLENEAGLES, Scotland, July 14, (AP): Sandy Lyle, on the mend after a session of the golfing clubhouse, said he cured his problems with a visit home. "I had a session with the old man (Alex Lyle, his father and teacher) and I've got my teeth back in the game now," Lyle said yesterday.

First man

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuters): Australia's Rob de Castella could miss his chance to become the first man to win the marathon at three successive Commonwealth Games because of his failure to run in qualifying events for the 1990 Auckland Games.

Athletics meet

LOS ANGELES, July 14, (AP): Robert Emmiyan of the Soviet Union has turned down an invitation to compete in the \$500,000 world record long jump challenge during the Jack in the Box International Track Meet Aug 6, it was announced Wednesday.

Jeff Fenech

SYDNEY, July 14, (Reuters): Former world boxing champion Jeff Fenech wants to end his short retirement, but will not make a decision before talking to trainer and confidant Johnny Lewis. Unbeaten in his 23 professional fights, Fenech is rated by many judges as the best boxer pound-for-pound in the world behind undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

Non-title fight

SYDNEY, Australia, July 14, (AP): Undeclared Australian super-featherweight boxing champion Renato Corneil will meet Brazilian Tomas da Cruz in a non-title fight at Parramatta on July 16, promoter Bill Mordey confirmed yesterday.

Annacone and Kriek knocked out of Hall of Fame event

NEWPORT, R.I., July 14, (Reuters): Top seed Paul Annacone and second-seeded Johan Kriek both fell out of the Hall of Fame tennis tournament in quarterfinal upsets yesterday.

American Glenn Layendecker, ranked 89th in the world, swept Annacone

in a third-set tiebreaker to prevail 4-6 6-3 7-6, and South African Danie Visser, who at number 129 ranks 90 spots behind Kriek, took their quarterfinal match easily at 6-3 6-2.

Annacone looked good in the first set before unleashing an avalanche of

unforced errors mostly swallowed up by the net.

He reversed his fortunes in the second set and then saved three break points in the seventh game of the third set to stay on track for a tiebreaker. There he faded quickly as Layendecker

won 7-0.

The result was another in a string of Newport disappointments for Annacone. In six years of trying, he has never advanced beyond the quarterfinals.

"I'm starting to wonder (if there's a

fix), Annacone said. "I love this town, but I never seem to get things going here. Maybe next year I'll play with garlic around my neck."

Kriek, in contrast, hardly tried at all. The 31-year-old Kriek, a South African-born American, attributed his

lacklustre performance in the scant 49-minute match to tennis elbow.

"I was aggravated to the max so I just decided not to participate," said Kriek, who won here in 1981. "No guts. No glory. I have tennis elbow and I just want to go home and relax."

Agassi brushes aside S. African

Wilander fights back for victory

BOSTON, July 14, (Reuters): Top seed Andre Agassi had smooth sailing, while second-seeded Mats Wilander survived a stormy third-round challenge yesterday to reach the quarterfinals of the \$415,000 US Pro Tennis Championships.

Agassi had everything go his way in a 6-1 6-2 win over South African Barry Moir. Wilander, winning the crucial points at every juncture, squeezed by 15th-seeded American Jimmy Arias 3-6 7-5 6-4.

Fifth-seeded Guillermo Perez-Roldan of Argentina stumbled on his way to the quarters as he fell to compatriot Martin Jaite 6-3 6-3, in a match that featured long baseline rallies and very few

Others advancing in this clay court tournament included fourth-seeded American Jay Berger, sixth seed Andres Gomez of Ecuador, seventh-seeded Jaime Yzaga of Peru and number eight Jorge Arrese of Spain.

Arias, ranked 87th in the world, frustrated Wilander with creative angles off his vaunted forehand in the first set, which he won on a single break in the fourth game, as Wilander struggled with his first serve through-

out the set.

Wilander, sixth in the world, found his typically consistent baseline game in the second set by stepping inside the court and taking Arias' shots on the rise. The Swede scored the decisive service break in the 11th game.

Wilander, who won three of the four Grand Slam events last year, broke for 3-2 in the third set and held with an ace in the sixth game to put Arias on the defensive for the remainder of the match.

Agassi, ranked fourth, belted his powerful groundstrokes for winners with ease and on two different occasions served three aces in the same game against the bewildered Moir.

Over the past six weeks Agassi has watched fellow-American teenager Michael Chang win the French Open and has been heavily criticised for skipping Wimbledon, but the reluctant tennis star feels he is right on course.

Instead of playing Wimbledon, the 19-year-old Agassi stayed out of the spotlight and practiced at home in Las Vegas, Nevada, to prepare for Davis Cup, the US Open and three title defences this summer.



Agassi: feels he is right on course

"Sometimes I feel like I'm still a kid. My training is not geared to winning the US Open or Wimbledon. It's geared toward play-

ing my best when I'm 23 or 24," said Agassi, who was ousted in the third round of the French Open after reaching the semifinals in 1988.

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"I'm constantly explaining why I don't play Wimbledon. I'm not afraid of playing it. I just didn't think my game was ready, and I needed a break," said Agassi.

"It's kind of like looking at somebody's life and only seeing one side of it. One part of me wished I was playing, but then I think of all that entails and I'm glad I'm sitting on my couch watching it on TV," he said.

Agassi said he viewed Chang's victory at the French Open, which made him the first American to win on the red clay since 1955, with as much relief as envy.

"It was a big sense of relief when (Chang) won the French. It took the burden off my shoulders, but part of me was going, 'oh, that hurts. I wanted to be the first American,'" said Agassi.

Despite the rise of Chang, who also reached the fourth round at Wimbledon, Agassi won a spot on the US Davis Cup team, which also includes John McEnroe and doubles specialists Ken Flach and Robert Seguso, that will take on the Boris Becker-led West German team later this month.

Courier stuns Connors in first round

YOKOHAMA, Japan, July 14, (UPI): American teenager Jim Courier defeated veteran compatriot Jimmy Connors 1-6, 7-6 (7-3), 6-4 in a major first round upset at the \$250,000 Gunze World Tennis Tournament today.

Connors, 35, raced through the opening set but 18-year-old Courier came back strong in the second and employed his aggressive serve to take the tiebreaker.

Courier served 15 aces in the course of his victory.

"It's an honour to play a guy like Jimmy, he's a legend," up and coming Courier from Florida said.

Expos beat Reds

Martinez wins 9th straight decision

NEW YORK, July 14, (AP): Dennis Martinez won his ninth straight decision last night as he led the Montreal Expos beat the Cincinnati Reds at Riverfront Stadium 6-3.

The Expos are averaging 4.5 runs per game when Martinez starts.

"That's the way it's been my last three or four games. Everything's been going our way, especially my way," Martinez said. "Every time I got out we're able to score some runs. That's who you manage to have a decent year."

Martinez, 10-1, allowed six hits in six innings and singled home a run as he set a club record for consecutive winning decisions. Charlie Lea won eight consecutive decisions in 1983.

Giants 3, Pirates 2
Will Clark lined a single to left field to score Brett Butler with none out in the 13th inning, lifting the San Francisco Giants past Pittsburgh at Candlestick Park.

Dodgers 3, Cardinals 2

Orel Hershisser allowed two runs in 8 1-3 innings and Eddie Murray drove in two runs as Los Angeles Dodgers beat the St. Louis Cardinals at Dodger Stadium.

Hershisser, 10-7, allowed six hits before Jay Howell got the last two outs for his 16th save. Mets 5, Braves 1

Darryl Strawberry and Greg Jefferies each hit home runs as the visiting New York Mets extended its winning streak to four games by beating the Atlanta Braves.

Both homers came off Pete Smith, 2-11, with Strawberry hitting his 18th in the fifth inning and Jefferies his second in the second.

Cubs 7, Padres 3
Jerome Maddux went 4-for-4 and Greg Maddux continued his mastery of San Diego Padres as the Chicago Cubs beat the Padres at Jack Murphy stadium.

Maddux, 9-7, allowed five hits in 6 1-3 innings to improve his lifetime record to 5-0 against the Padres.

Phillies 11, Astros 4
Astros 3, Phillies 0
Mark Davidson hit a two-run homer for his first NL hit and Bob Astros beat the Philadelphia Phillies to gain a doubleheader split.

Results	American League	National League
California	13 Baltimore	5
Texas	9 Cleveland	3
Seattle	5 Detroit	4
Oakland	11 Toronto	7
New York	6 Kansas City	0
Boston	3 Minnesota	4
Chicago	5 Milwaukee	4
Philadelphia	7 San Diego	3
Houston	11 Houston	4
Montreal	3 Philadelphia	0
New York	3 Cincinnati	3
Los Angeles	3 Atlanta	2
San Francisco	3 St. Louis	1
	3 Pittsburgh	2

Strong grid for French GP

LE MANS, France, July 14, (Reuters): With two notable exceptions, Sunday's French 500 cc motorcycle Grand Prix has attracted an exceptional 35-strong grid.

The only absentees are young American John Kocinski, who emerged fifth from the confusion surrounding the Belgian round of the world championship two weeks ago, and injured Briton Ron Haslam.

Kocinski is practising for the Suzuka eight-hour endurance race while Haslam is still recovering from his fall at SPA.

American Kevin Schwantz, adjudged second at SPA after the International Motorcycling Federation jury ruled the rain-hit event should not have restarted a third time, recorded the fastest time in today's first official practice.

Riding a Suzuki, Schwantz covered the 4.4-km course in one minute 43.12 seconds, ahead of the Yamaha of Frenchman Christian Sarron in 1:43.24.

World champion Eddie Lawson was third fastest on a Honda, with fellow American Wayne Rainey, the championship leader stripped of victory in the ill-starred Belgian race, fourth for Yamaha.

Fittipaldi set for Meadowlands race

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey, July 14, (AP): Most of the heat the Emerson Fittipaldi is feeling right now is self-generated.

First, he is sizzling hot on the racetrack, having won three straight Indy-car races and four of five heading into Sunday's Marlboro Grand Prix at the Meadowlands.

The 42-year-old driver is also hot away from the track, attracting plenty of fan and media attention since his streak began with a victory in the Indianapolis 500.

Fittipaldi holds the CART-PPG series point lead after seven of 15 races this season. His 107-point total is 27 more than

second-place Rick Mears, who has won two races this season.

"The hardest thing since winning Indianapolis is that every weekend there has been a race," Fittipaldi said yesterday during an informal news conference.

"There has been no time to relax and it has been mentally and physically very difficult."

"After Indy, everywhere I go the press want to talk to me. Then, after winning three in a row, everybody wants me again. It's a good situation to be in, but there is pressure."

Fittipaldi has not won at the Meadowlands, but he did finish second here on the Old Road course in 1986 and 1987. Last year, on the new and faster 1.2-

mile (1.93 kilometre), six-turn parking lot circuit circling Byrne Arena, the two-time Formula One champion won the pole and dominated the race until a collision with eventual winner Al Unser Jr on the 111th on 150 laps.

That incident, coming on an attempted pass by Unser, knocked Fittipaldi out of the race. He finished 14th.

Ironically, the same drivers bumped again just 1-2 laps from the end at Indy this year, with Unser hitting the wall and Fittipaldi going on to racing's first \$1 million victory.

And there have been other bumping incidents since the Meadowlands race last July,

some involving Fittipaldi and some involving Unser.

"I think competition is much more balanced than before," Fittipaldi explained.

"We are driving wheel-to-wheel every race. It's great for the sport and great for the fans, but things are going to happen."

"The competition is fierce and it's much too early to assume a championship," he said.

"Michael (Andretti) and Mario (Andretti) both have been very strong, and Teo (Fabi) is getting stronger every week in the Porsche. And Rick (Mears) has won two races, and Al (Unser Jr) is always there, and Danny (Sullivan) is back. It will be very difficult to keep winning."

French sweep top Tour places

MARSEILLE, France, July 14, (Reuters): French riders filled the top three places in the 13th stage as the Tour de France enjoyed its own celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the revolution today.

As huge crowds swelled the streets of the Canebiere and the old port, Vincent Bartheu rode home on his own to win the 177-km stage from Montpellier.

Jean-Claude Colotti placed second and Martial Gaxant third to complete the Bastille Day triumph.

With Frenchman Laurent Fignon retaining the leader's yellow jersey on a sweltering hot day, there was every reason for large scale festivities in the Mediterranean port.

Foreign riders appeared to collude in the day's events by electing not to attack the French riders on the final part of the race.

Bartheu, whose career slumped after he wore the yellow jersey in the 1984 Tour, said: "It was a long time since I won anything. It's great to do this in the

Tour and on the 14th of July."

Yesterday Valerio Tebaldi of Italy won the 12th stage of the Tour with the second longest successful breakaway in the history of the race.

The 24-year-old Tebaldi moved away from the pack with Frenchman Dominique Arnaud after just 19 km of the 242-km stage from Toulouse.

They were joined later by Italian Giancarlo Perini and built up a massive lead of 29 minutes 50 seconds on the rest.

Tebaldi, who won a stage in last year's tour, beat Perini in a sprint finish in a time of five hours 40 minutes 54 seconds.

Arnaud, who fell into a ditch a few km from the finish, came in third some two minutes nine seconds behind.

The main bunch, which has rarely been so outdistanced by a breakaway, did not react because all the three riders involved were well down in the overall standings.

Liverpool to play soccer friendly

MILAN, Italy, July 14, (Reuters): English FA Cup holders Liverpool have agreed to play Fiorentina in Florence next year, the first time they will have met Italian opposition since the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster.

A Fiorentina spokesman, in Milan where Italian League transfers are being negotiated, said the match was set for August 1990. Agreement on the game was reached during the discussions which take Swedish libero Glenn Hysen to Liverpool.

Rioting at the 1985 European Cup final between Liverpool and Italy's Juventus at the Heysel stadium in Brussels killed 39 people.

Senna takes provisional GP pole spot

Berger to replace Prost at McLaren



Senna: ponders his next move

1:09.488 to take the provisional front row spot alongside Senna.

Austrian Gerhard Berger, who will replace Senna's teammate Frenchman Alain Prost in the championship-winning McLaren team next season, was

third quickest in the second Ferrari in 1:09.855.

Riccardo Patrese of Italy, enjoying a new lease of life this season, was fourth fastest in a Williams in 1:09.865 on the opening day of his 184th Grand Prix.

Prost, who claimed pole in the last two Grands Prix in Canada and France, was unable to break the 1:10 barrier and had to be content with fifth place on the provisional grid ahead of Brazilian Mauricio Gugelmin in a March.

Senna, seeking to enlarge on his record career total of 34 pole positions with his sixth pole in eight races this season, said he set his quick time on his first quick lap.

"I had a clear run but had to ease off slightly for yellow flags at Woodcote Chicane when Alesi spun his Tyrrell."

"It was my first run on qualifiers here for two years so I did not know the limits of the car or the tyres and I am sure we can go quicker here tomorrow."

Prost said he had a gearbox problem. "I cannot manage a lap without missing the change from second to third. I'm also making extremely slow changes with the result that I'm letting the revs

drop too much."

McLaren had been beset by oil-system problems earlier in the day, but the team had these cured by the end of the session.

Mansell was very happy with his time but said he was still troubled by pain from his neck and shoulder, injured slightly last weekend when Gugelmin crashed into him at the French Grand Prix.

"It's a bit sore," he said. "But the car is still very good and I'm happy. I'm not sure about grabbing pole but we can make a real challenge here in the race."

Patrese, using Renault's revised development V-10 engine in his car, said: "I have to discover something to help me go a bit quicker to be with Ferrari. But I don't know if we can beat McLaren."

March maintained their improvement on the high-speed European circuits by taking fifth and eighth places and they also will challenge hard tomorrow.